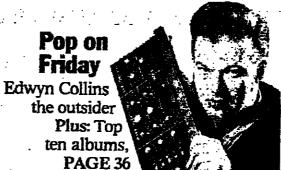
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Major stands by his ministers

Waldegrave and Lyell accused, but Scott says they acted in good faith

By PHILIP WEBSTER AND NIGEL WILLIAMSON

JOHN MAJOR was last night fiercely standing by ministers who were criticised for deceiving Parliament and under mining democracy in the Scott report on arms exports to Iraq. The Prime Minister let it be

known that he had no intention of sacking William Waldegrave, even though Sir Richard Scott found that he. had deliberately kept MPs in the dark about a shift in the policy on trade with Iraq.

He was reported to be equally determined to defend Sir Nicholas Lyell, the Attorney-General, who was criticised over his approach to gagging orders on information relevant to the prosecu tion of three Matrix Churchill directors - a trial Sir Richard said should never have taken

The judge said he could not accept that Sir Nicholas "was not personally at fault, although he did not question the Attorney-General's belief that he was acting correctly.

night that they would not Mr Waldegrave said that Sir name and my honour. Close aides to the Prime Minister said that Mr Major believed the two had acted honestly. sincerely and in good faith. and there was no question of his making any changes in his

ministerial team. The report's findings that no minister had acted in bad faith appeared last night to have

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the Government of deliberate-

men to jail by blocking the release of documents. And it concluded that no British arms reached either Iraq or Iran during the conflict between the two countries in the

But it found that Mr. Waldegrave, Alan Clark and Lord Trefgame had prevented details of a relaxing of guidelines on defence exports to Iraq becoming public. Ministerial answers in both Houses failed to inform Parliament of the current state of government policy on the issue and

amounted to playing games.

This failure was deliberate and was an inevitable result of the agreement between the three junior ministers that no publicity would be given to the decision to adopt a more liberal, more relaxed policy or interpretation of the guide-lines, originally towards both iran and Iraq and later towards Iraq alone."

Later in the report, the judge said that "a failure by ministers to meet the obligations of ministerial accountability by providing information about the activities of their departments undermines, in my opinion the democratic

Cabinet rules stated that ministers were under a duty not to deceive or mislead Parliament and the public, "In the course of the inquiry, example after example has come to light of an apparent failure by ministers to dis-charge that obligation." The unveiling of the report

produced some of the rowdiest Commons scenes in years as ian Lang, the President of the Board of Trade, claimed that it had "totally vindicated" ministers and exposed no evidence of a Government con-

spiracy or cover-up.

He accepted Sir Richard's ernment policy on the export of "non-lethal military goods" had changed after the Iran-Iraq ceasefire in 1988 and MPs should have been told. But Mr Lang came under

immediate fire from Robin Cook, the Shadow Foreign Secretary, for refusing to lay any of the blame on ministers. Mr Cook, who had just spent three hours reading the report, said he did not recog-Mr Lang and Tony Blair said

Sir Richard's report cleared rejected the Government's the Government of deliberate claim that Mr Waldegrave, and Lord Trefgarne, a defence minister, had not changed the guidelines in 1988, although it accepted that none had acted. with "duplicitous" intent.

They were in any ordinary use of language agreeing on a change of policy," the report said. Sir Richard also rejected as sophistry Mr Walde grave's explanation that there had been no change in policy because no change had been announced. The word was one of those Mr Waldegrave had been most anxious to see excised from the final report after the draft was leaked last

The judge said that in 27 letters to MPs, Mr Waldegrave had written in terms that were "apt to mislead". although he accepted that this was not intentionally so. "Parliament and the public were designedly led to believe that a stricter policy towards non-lethal defence exports and dual-use exports to Iraq was being applied than was in fact

the case, the report said. It went on to say that while the ministers had not been duplicitous, the guidelines themselves had beenm duplications because of their inbuilt flexibility. And it called for an urgent rethink on the ministerial practice of not giving information on arms exports. "Is it any longer satisfactory that Parliament and the British public are not entitled to be told to which countries and in what quantities goods such as



Judge plays a straight bat

WITH a twinkle in his eye, Sir Richard Scott yesterday played a straight bat to a press corps clamouring for swift judgments and sharp soun-

Asked whether anyone, including Government ministers, should resign, he said: That really isn't a matter for me. It is a matter for Parliament." Asked if his report fully exonerated Mrs Thatcher and her government of any wrong-doing, he responded: "Read the report. The answer is in

the report." Pressed on whether he agreed with Mr Ian Lang's suggestion that his report proved there was no conspira-cy and no cover-up, Sir Rich-ard said: "I think that is a fair summary, but it is such a very express way of putting it." He added: "Any soundbite answer is bound to be a distortion of what I have taken care Continued on page 2, col 6 to express in the report." Sir

enjoying himself hugely, adopted a studied "on the one hand ... but then on the other" approach. Yes, Mr Waldegrave had given mis-leading answers and written Richard. misleading letters. But his



future was a matter for Parlia-

I don't know, I got bored after the first 2,000 pages"

Should the Minister apologise to Parliament? "I'm not going to advise Mr Waldegrave about manners," said Sir

Challenged on whether the Government's response, which welcomed "this clearing of its good name", was an accurate reflection of how he saw the report, Sir Richard said: There are respects in which that can properly be said." But then that meant there were some respects in which that could not be properly said.

Did he agree with Mr Lang's claims that there had been no cover-up and no conspiracy? Well, the judge had listened carefully to the President of the Board of Trade and agreed with much of what he heard. But then he found himself "not quite agreeing with some of the things he said."

Difficult questions were brushed aside with a sugges Continued on page 2, col 5

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The annual rate of inflation

fell in January to its lowest

level since December 1994

because of mortgage rate cuts

and record discounts in the

New Year sales. Headline

inflation dropped to 29 per

Yeltsin to run

President Yeltsin announced

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The race was on but did they get away Scott free?

THE Government got off, but Scott-free has taken on a different meaning.

Mayhem ruled the Com-

mons press lobby for ten minutes from 3.30. "Please behave like adults," wailed a lady supervisor, as we fought before the statement at 3.40. In came boxes the size and weight of five bricks.

Sweating attendants strug-gled with these as hacks clawed their way to the counter then staggered off to rip them open. Journalists bore aloft copies of the big green documents, like an army of leaf-cutter ants carrying away their booty, each to his electronic nest.

Down in the Chamber the

hush was broken by grunts of ncentration and the sound of MPs pawing the index for their own names. The Chamber was packed. Then, at 3.40, Miss Boothroyd fired her starting gun. The race was on: a race to grab the advantage fast and hold it against all-

foreign affairs spokesman, Robin Cook, relished. He knew there was nobody in the Opposition who could do this as well as he - indeed, few who could do it at all. Speed of comprehension; choice of ammunition; confidence of manner; command of the House: these qualities make Cook one of the best parliamentarians of his day. He struts, he frets, he thrusts and parries

like a thing possessed.

As Ian Lang, the President of the Board of Trade, commenced his statement, Cook became a demonic little ball of energy. His ginger hair all but stood on end, his brain in overdrive as he shuffled

underlining here, scribbling there and pacing foriously forward and back.

But Mr Lang got off to a strong start. This cool and understated character has never been seen in such storming form. Friends call it assurance, critics audacity; let us say chutzpah.

It galvanised the govern-ment benches which, by the end of Lang's speech, were bawling not for their own ministers' survival - they Cook's resignation. Listening to Lang one might have

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Matthew Parris

thought Sir Richard had been appointed to enquire into the probity of Mr Cook and reported unfavourably. Lang sat down with the Opposition ubdued, the argument moving the Government's way.

Cook rose to a chorus of 'Resign", and wrestled it to a halt. To Labour cries of "Oohi" and "Ahai", he flung down quotations from a re nort he could only have skimmed. It was done in the impressive sub-Churchillian style Mr Cook has made his own: a symphony of dark pauses, gravelly outrage and vocal dips and dives. By the time he sat down, it was Labour MPs who were howling for more, the Tories quiet. In the questions that fol-

lowed. Lang fought back hard, railying his own benches to an attack which soon lifted Tory spirits again, but it Continued on page 2, col 5

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West End chaos after holdall bomb

STEWART TENDLER AND TIM JONES

AN IRA suspect bomb planted in the heart of London brought the West End to a standstill vesterday hours after the Provisionals confirmed their terrorist campaign against Britain would continue.

Scotland Yard bomb disposal officers made safe the suspect device which had been left in a holdall in a telephone box at the junction of Charing Cross Road and Litchfield Street, near Leicester Square.

The police sealed off a square mile of the capital and deared streets of cars and pedestrians after coded telephone warnings, which they described later as "imprecise".

The calls, which included one to the Samaritans in. Essex, began at 12.30pm and appeared intended to cause maximum disruption in the West End as tens of thousands of office workers began their lunch breaks. Shops, restaurants and public houses were in chaos as the police cordoned off the area and cleared the streets of passers-by, in-

cluding tourists and families on school half-term breaks. Yesterday's incident came just hours after a statement from the IRA saying that its terrorist campaign would contimue "as long as necessary".

and six days after it ended its ceasefire with a huge bomb in the London Docklands. The discovery of the small device in the West End and the message from the IRA leadership dashed any lingering hope that last Friday's Docklands bomb was a one-off attack aimed at forcing concessions from the Government.

John Bruton, the Irish Prime Minister, said that the end of the ceasefire made restoring the peace process "immeasurably complex". Speaking after reports of the latest incident in London, he told Irish MPs that the key challenge facing Sinn Fein was to secure the restoration of the cessation of violence by

its IRA allies. In London, the police refused to comment on whether the hold-all had contained 11b

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MI6 failed to relay information on Iraqi supergun

THE Secret Intelligence Service, MI6, failed to pass on information that large metal tubes produced by a Midlands manufacturer were probably intended for use in the fraqi supergun project, the Scott

MIn knew as early as June 1988 that the tubes, made by Midlands-based Walter Somers, might be used as artillery gun barrels. In what Sir Richard Scott described as not relayed to the Restricted Enforcement Unit - a committee made up of representatives from Customs and Excise, intelligence agencies. and Whitehall departments to

He concluded that Mio's investigation into the Iraqi supergun project was "inadequate and its report mislead ing". Sir Richard stressed that if the Walter Somers information had been properly com-British companies in the supergun project would have been known by November 1989, at the latest.

But he said there was evidence to suggest government officials suspected an "Iraqi long-range artillery project be under way before 1989

the event, there is clear evidence that, some time before officials had had information which raised suspicion that Walter Somers' tubes were intended for use as artillery

"Parliament could, and should, have been told this; the Trade and Industry Select Committee could, and should have been told this." Sir Richard accused the Government of misleading Parliament and failing to discharge its obligations of accountability to Parliament Nicholas Ridley, at the time

INTELLIGENCE

Trade and Industry Secretary announced the seizure of gun parts at Teesport in Cleveland to the Commons on April 18. 1990, claiming that the Government had "recently" discovered the Iraqi supergun project. Sir Richard said this was a far more elastic use of the word "recently" than was

warranted by the facts. In fact, recently had replaced "last year" during a meeting on the fourth draft of Mr Ridley's speech just hours Commons. "The change in the text is consistent with an attempt to avoid criticism of

UN inspectors examine the Iraqi supergun in 1991

the Secret Intelligence It went on to list eight examples, including deliber-ate non-disclosure of the existence of the Howe Guidelines on defence sales to Iran and Iraq, and answers to MPs' questions that represented "a leliberate concealment from

> Sir Richard said a failure to meet the obligations of minis-terial accountability by providing information about the activities of departments undermined the democratic process. The report urged a practice whereby information about arms and defence-related exports need not be given

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the report said. "It is in my

opinion clear that the world

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sen and that its use was apt to

had "disclosed a failure on a

number of occasions for prop-er use to be made of available

intelligence". Within the De-

fence Intelligence Staff, the

report said, there was a failure

to ensure that relevant intelli-

gence received was brought to

the attention of the "Defence Sales" desk. "Within the For-

eign and Commonwealth Of-

fice and the Department of

Trade export licensing unit

there were periods when the

relevant official was unable to

read intelligence reports because he had not yet re-

ceived the requisite security

Sir Richard identified three

intelligence reports - dated

January 12, September 5 and October 6, 1989 — which did

not reach the Defence Sales

desk because of failures in the

distribution system. The re-

port referred to a problem with submissions to Ministers

by the Middle East depart-

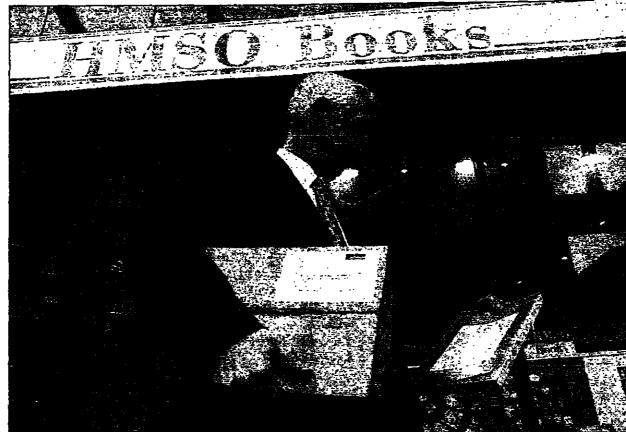
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regarding "opinions on intelli-

gence matters said to be held

clearance.

Sir Richard said the inquiry



Paul Henderson outside the Stationery Office shop in Birmingham yesterday with his copy of the Scott report

Trial collapse blamed on feeble investigation by customs officers

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

THE collapsed Matrix Chur chill trial that precipitated the Scott inquiry should never have taken place. Sir Richard Scott says in his report. Three senior executives of

the Midlands company were charged by Customs with exporting large quantities of machine tools to Iraq in breach of government restric-

Their defence was that the Government knew what they had been doing and that Alan Clark, the Trade and Industry Minister, had "encouraged" them to continue trading. indicating with "nods and winks" that government guidelines had been relaxed. In his report, Sir Richard savs the customs investigation

of the anticipated defences of those charged was, in his toms officers ought to have investigated "more rigorous ly" what Mr Clark told the nessmen at the meeting.

The interview with Mr Clark that preceded the preparation was neither rigorous nor searching," the report says. By the time it took place, the

been taken. Paul Henderson, the former chief executive of Matrix Churchill, smiled as he bought his £45 copy of the report at the HMSO shop in Birmingham yesterday. He said: "It has been a long wait and I'm glad to get this in my hands. This chapter in my life hasn't closed until today."

decision to prosecute had

He said that he hoped the end of the inquiry would allow normality back into his life, but added: "I'll be studying the report, then I'll decide what action I shall take. I forgotten. I think they will fight and if I can do anything to help them fight I will. It has been very stressful." Trevor

the company and defendant, said he was pleased the report had concluded that the prosecution should not have been brought. "It vindicates the view that we expressed from the very first day of our arrest," he said.

There is a feeling that maybe the whole matter was just a television sitcom called Yes, Minister because no one as to accept responsibility for all the doublespeak that clearly has gone on within Whitehall." Mr Abraham should bear some respon bility for the people whe

lost their jobs as a result trial, but he believe

workers spoke of their anger at the report and called the inquiry a whitewash. Phil Harris, 53, the spokesman for

Coventry factory, which closed in November 1992. said: "We are not going to lay down and die. This is only just the beginning for us. We are going to investigate whether there will be

Sir Richard says the protes tations that the defendants had been "encouraged" by Mr Clark was "never taken seriously" Customs investigation of the defendants' claim that the Government knew what Matrix Churchill was doing was "inadequate" because the investigators did not believe

said that the Government at They made no attempt to Presidential raministers or offici-the result; a ne Office who had life for the dised in decisions to redistributionisterports. Sir Rich-warfare and a new of oil relevant warfare and a pat if all relevant

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· minister Sighs of relief but some doubts remain

BY JILL SHERMAN

CONSERVATIVE

TORY MPs appeared to give the benefit of the doubt to William Waldegrave and Sir Nicholas Lyell last night although some said they would reserve their judgment until they had fully digested the

MPs rallied around the Government shortly after being handed a crib sheet by Conservative Central Office on what their response should be on certain sensitive issues. But it was clear that many were uneasy about some of Sir Richard Scott's conclusions.

Some conceded that the Government would have had a much tougher time from its own backbenchers if an election had not been so near. "A year ago this would have been deeply damaging to the Prime Minister," one senior backbencher said. "But with the eneral election in the offing it is all too close now."

Many were relieved that the report had not been more critical of ministers and had cleared them of both conspiracy and knowingly risking innocent men going to jail. However, a backbencher who has threatened to rebel when the report is debated in ten days time said: "There are a lot of things short of conspiracy which would be totally unacceptable. I will reserve judgment on how I will vote until next week."

Other backbenchers said they were worried that Sir Richard Scott had been highly critical about ministers' action and their failure to take responsibility for them.

Richard Shepherd, MP for Aldridge-Brownhills, was one of the few MPs to publicly criticise the Government. He gave no indication how he made clear that he was unhap py with ministers' behaviour. What is the point of parliamentary democracy if ministers deliberately fail to answer parliamentary questions betion?" he asked.

The executive of the 1922 backbench committee met shortly after Ian Lang's statement and agreed that the position of the ministers was secure for the moment. It is understood that some members of the executive, however, were worried that on closer reading of the report other issues might emerge. Mr Lang has been invited to address the committee next Thursday.

Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith. a vice-chairman of the 1922 Committee, said: "I am delighted for the sake of the honour of our parliamentary system that there was no question of any ministers seeking to let innocent men go to nor was there any question of deliberate deception.

Supporters of William Waldegrave were confident that he would survive. "The report shows that he acted in good faith," said Ian Taylor, junior minister for Trade and Industry and a former parliamentary private secretary to

Mr Waldegrave.
Allies of Sir Nicholas Lyell gave a robust defence of the to Attorney-General's failure to tell the court personally about Mr Heseltine's criticism of immunity certificates. The information was relayed via officials, they said.



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Scott coy Continued from page I tion that we should read the

report — a little rich given that journalists had only had the five volume document in our hands for 45 minutes and the judge himself had complained about the lack of earlier access for MPs and the media. One question was dismissed

with "when did you stop beating your wife." Asked if anyone should "carry the can", Sir Richard said it was a convenient ohrase, but wondered what it means.

Only once was the urbane, smiling Sir Richard lost for words. When told by an overenthusiastic journalist that "the entire world" was listening to his words, even beneath the naturally ruddy complexion of a hunting man it was possible to detect a slight blush.

Briefly, Sir Richard got serious. Asked what he hoped his report would achieve, he said: 'I hope it will assist the movement towards more openness in government and a reduction of what has sometimes been called "the culture of secrecy in Whitehall".

Sir Richard said his report would inevitably become "a political football ... The start of that was happening today and that is going to go on."
Asked whether there had been attempts to impede his inqui-ry, he said: "If there were, I think they tailed."

Mostly, he seemed relieved that it was all over and his report was now the concern of others. He apologised that he had not produced a summary to make everyone's lives easier reached a point of writing fatigue" after 1,800 pages and could not face the idea of writing any more. He sounded almost demob

happy, like a man about to go on holiday, which is exactly what he is doing. Today he begins a week-long break in Ireland before returning to "normal life" as Vice ChancelMajor stands by ministers in arms-to-Iraq row

Continued from page 1 artillery shells, land mines and cluster bombs have been licensed for export?" At his press conference yes-

terday, the judge said that he had found himself "not quite agreeing with some of the things" Mr Lang had said.
Asked how the Government could claim that he had exonerated ministers from deliberately misleading Parliament when his report specifically used the word "deliberately". Sir Richard said: "I drafted that paragraph very carefully. The words in the report and not the Government's interpretation reflected his

On the Matrix Churchili case, Sir Richard said he could not accept that Sir Nicholas Lyell "was not personally at fault" for the failure to brief the trial prosecutors of Michael Heseltine's reluctance to sign a PII certificate withholding vital information from the

Sir Nicholas had promised Mr Heseltine that his concerns would be relayed to the trial judge. The issues that had been raised by Mr Heseltine's stand on the PII certificate did not fall into the category of mundane, routine, run-of-the-mill issues that could properly be left to be dealt with by officials in the Treasury Solicitor's Department without the Attorney-General's supervision," the

report said.
He added: "I would not have expected Mr Heseltine, a non-lawyer, to have articulated them. But I would have expected the Attorney General to have done so. I would have. expected him to recognise that important constitutional and

place the issues fairly before the court, was adequately instructed so that he could discharge that responsibility."

Both Sir Nicholas and Mr Waldegrave insisted last night that they would not resign. Sir Nicholas said: The Scott inreport that accusations that

ensured that Mr Moses, whose responsibility was to

quiry has made it clear in its ministers signed PII certifi-cates in order to suppress information and were prepared to see innocent men sent to prison are completely false and without foundation. My advice to ministers on PII was fully in accordance with the law as it then stood. "Mr Heseltine's PH certificate was specially redrafted to

emphasise that the final decision on whether documents should be disclosed was for the court. Although prosecuting counsel's instructions did not include my corres-pondence with Mr Heseltine, the system operated exactly as it was intended to do. Every document was shown to the

judge."
Mr Waldegrave insisted that Sir Richard had cleared him of "lying to Parliament or intending to mislead anyone in letters I signed. He also proves beyond doubt that I did not comive in allowing machine tools for arms manufacture to go to Iraq: he says I would have stopped them going if certain intelligence reports had reached me. I am grateful to Sir Richard for listening carefully to what I said to him, above all for accepting my good faith

"I have no reason to resign at all because he has cleared my name and my honour and



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Lang steals Labour thunder

Continued from page 1 never quite regained the force it had before Cook ruse. The Liberal Democrats' Menzies Campbell questioned shrewdly. Labour's Gerald

Kaulman, who had now found

himself in the index inter-

The former Chief Whip. Sir Timothy Renton, found so many references to himself that he had to summarise. The action settled down to the familiar ding-dong, tension having passed its high-water

Ministers survive. But if

Lang had stumbled during his first, critical quarter-hour, or if Cook's counter-attack had failed (as Neil Kinnock, after Westland, once failed) things would be different. They are now set, and no broadcasting studio will change them. . The Chamber does matter.

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The inquiry has cleared my name and my honour. I am grateful to Sir Richard'

No resignation as minister hails his absolution

THE Cabinet minister inost widely expected to face calls for his resignation. William Waldegrave, was cleared by the report of deliberately miseading Parliament.

An ebullient Mr Walde-grave, the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, said in a series of interviews last night that he had never regarded his role as a Foreign Office Minister in the arms-to-Iraq affair as a

'He has cleared my name and my honour," he said on ITN last night. "Sir Richard has said in clear terms I had no intention to mislead."

The Scott report absolved Mr Waldegrave of any "duplicity" in the decision to relax the rules after the Iran-Iraq conflict. Sir Richard said that he was struck by the sincerity of the minister's evidence.

Mr Waldegrave said in a prepared statement: "Sir Richard Scott clears me of lying to Parliament or intending to mislead anyone in letters 1 signed. He also proves beyond doubt that I did not connive in allowing machine tools for arms manufacture to go to lraq: he says I would have stopped them going if certain intelligence reports had reached me. I am grateful to Sir Richard ... for accepting

The report said that letters

Waldegrave which stated that there had been no change in the arms sale policy. It states: "Mr Waldegrave knew, first hand, the facts that, in my opinion, rendered the no change in policy statement untrue. I accept that, when he signed these letters, he did not regard the agreement he had reached with his fellow ministers as having constituted a

change in policy towards Iraq. In his evidence to the inquiry, he strenuously and consistently asserted his belief, in the face of a volume of, to my mind, overwhelming idence to the contrary, that

policy on defence sales to Iraq had indeed, remained unchanged. I did not receive the impression of any insincerity. on his part in giving me the evidence he did. But it is clear, in my opinion, that the policy on defence sales to Iraq did not

remain unchanged." During his evidence Mr Waldegrave had said that Britain had been deceived into exporting equipment capable of manufacturing armaments in breach of export guidelines. These had never been coverily changed, he said. "After the ceasefire the Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe authorised an approach to the guidelines which allowed a little increased flexibility in the control of industrial equipment such as machine tools.

"It did not extend to weap ons of war. Full hindsight shows us that the lraqis deceived us about the end use to which some of these exports were being out."

A key aspect of the revised guidelines, the report said, was to release from the embargo equipment whose military value was primarily defensive. To describe this revised formulation as no more than an interpretation of the old, is, in my opinion ... so plainly mapposite as to be incapable of being sustained by serious

argument," the report said. The report refers to letters from Mr Waldegrave which said ministers agreed in Feb-ruary 1989 to interpret the export guidelines more flexi-bly. They had decided to refuse orders for non-lethal equipment if it could be of significant assistance in warfare in breach of the ceasefire.

Sir Richard said that the terms of Mr. Waldegrave's letters were likely to mislead their readers about the policy on export sales to Irao. "Mr Waldegrave was in a position to know that that was so, although I accept that he did not intend his letters to be misleading and did not so



William Waldegrave arrives for a Cabinet meeting in Downing Street yesterday

Sacrificial lamb refuses to be led to slaughter

By Frances GIBB LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Attorney-General seized on the Scott report last night as vindication of his role in advising ministers to withhold crucial documents from defendants in the Matrix Churchill

Sir Nicholas Lyell, QC, the minister most expected to be savaged, said the report made clear that accusations "that ministers were prepared to see innocent men sent to prison are completely false and with-out foundation". The Attorney-General also rejected Sir Richard's criticisms of his view of the law in a move designed to stave off any calls

for his resignation.

He said: "My advice to ministers on public interest immunity was fully in accordance with the law as it then stood." That advice, he added, was supported by court judg-ments and the opinion of three leading lawyers.

Sir Richard Scott's report is strongly critical of Sir Nicholas on two grounds: first, his view that ministers were under a duty to sign public interest immunity certicates so as to prevent disclosure of documents in the Matrix Churchill trial; and second, that such claims for whole classes of documents were iustified in criminal trials.

The claims rested "on shaky ground", the report says. The Attorney-General's view "had no authoritative precedent in a criminal trial". Sir Richard adds that some of the documents covered by the certificates "would not in my view have been warranted by any of the judicial authorities".

The proposition that a minister is ever under a legal duty to claim personal interest immunity in order to protect documents from disclosure to the defence nothwithstanding that in the minister's view, the public interest requires their disclosure to the defence is, in my oninion, based on a fundamental misconception of the principles of Pil law."

He concludes: "In my opinion, the view of the law on which the making of the PII LYELL

class claims in the Matrix Churchill case was based was unsound" and without "clear prior judicial authority". Sir Nicholas said the find-

ings were in "direct conflict" with the accepted view. "My advice to ministers on PII was entirely in accordance with the law as it then stood.

'Ministers had a duty to claim PII whenever there was a public interest in non-disclosure of a document. It was for the court to weigh that public interest against the interests of justice and to decide on what documents should be dis-

Sir Nicholas, along with



Lyell: said he had been vindicated by report

been widely predicted to be come the sacrificial lamb of the inquiry. Last night, with the strong backing of the Cabinet, it looked as if he would survive.

It was Sir Nicholas who, as the Government's chief law officer, insisted that ministers had not a choice but a duty to sign public interest immunity certificates to withhold evidence which turned out to crucial to the defendants in the Matrix Churchill trial.

A quiet unassuming man, Sir Nicholas had been fingered by his more politically combative colleagues as the obvious scapegoat. But he maintained throughout that he acted throughout in good faith, in a unswerving belief that what he did was correct.

Home Secretary was concerned over security services

By ANDREW PIERCE

KENNETH CLARKE, whose decision to sign public interest immunity. certificates swaved a reluctant Michael Heseltine into the course of action, had acted to protect the national interest, the Scott report concluded.

While the report criticises the use

of the certificates, which have been called gagging orders, the ministers had acted in good faith when they, cates because of the public interest in signed them. The report criticises the keeping the workings of MIS and legal advisers who failed to give the MIO secret. Mr. Clarke told the

By JONATHAN PRYNN

JOHN MAJOR should have

known that the Government's

stance towards defence equip-

ment sales to Iran and Iraq

had secretly shifted after he

was briefed on the sale of

Hawk jets to Iraq on July 25,

1989, the Scott report

however, stayed broadly the

proper advice to Mr Clarke, who was then Home Secretary, 🐴

then Home secretary the had signed two profits forms to he thought he washer Cambert. Bural evidence related four parties.

inquiry: "It was then open to the judge to decide whether was a competing public interest." But Sir Richard's report said: "He

Mr Clarkel did not have sufficient details of the likely lines of defence [at the Matrix Churchill trial] to consider exercising the discretion. Le was content to leave the defenits' interests in obtaining discloto be dealt with by the judge."

As for the sensitivity of the documents, which the legal advisers wanted withheld from the court, the

report said that Mr Clarke's legal adviser wrote: "It was not necessary for the Home Secretary to read every document in the bundles but he might like to glance at them so as to

get their flavour. The report said Mr Heseltine, then President of the Board of Trade, was uneasy about signing the certificates unless the Home Secretary was content". Mr Clarke was again advised that disclosure of the documents was against the national interest. "Mr Clarke marked the submission 'content' and signed the certificate accordingly."

Mr Clarke, speaking on Sky Television, said that Opposition claims of a conspiracy to put innocent men behind bars had been exposed as "bunkum". "There is no part of this report which attacks the integrity of a minister." Mr Clarke conceded that in hindsight, the Matrix Churchill prosecution should not have been brought. But Sir Richard's similar conclusion had also been "made with hindsight", he said.

Prime Minister

letters believing the state-In his evidence to the Scott

The official brief, received during Mr Major's first days as Foreign Secretary, told him that "since the ceasefire in August 1988, the guidelines have been applied with greater flexibility for Iraq". It added: "Our public presentation of our policy on arms supplies to both countries has.

Jet sales memo

revealed bias

towards Iraqis

Sir Richard says that "this briefing did, as it seems to me, put Mr Major on notice that Iraq was receiving more favourable treatment than Iran so far as export licensing of defence equipment was concerned, a state of affairs that in my opinion calls into question a continuing stance

of impartiality." The report absolves Mr Major from any knowledge of the wider implications of the wording of the briefing. As a this was "sufficient to justify result, letters to MPs signed by Mr Major stating that there had been no changes in the MPs, to members of the Howe guidelines were not deliberately misleading.

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And not been informed of the the report last night.

ments they contained to be accurate, but I do not accept that they were in fact accurate," the report concludes. inquiry in January 1989, Mr Major had insisted that the

Hawk briefing had contained only a "fleeting reference" to the guidelines and had not spelled out what they were or whether they had been At no time during his spells

as Chancellor, Foreign Secre-tary or Prime Minister had he been involved in the "consideration, amendment or interpretation" of the guidelines, he told Sir Richard. "I have no reason to believe,

on the advice I received at the time, or the documentation I have subsequently seen, that there was any shift away from the intrinsic impartiality in the 1984 guidelines," he said.

The report refers to Lord Howe's justification for with-holding information about the relaxation of the guidelines as the impact on foreign rela-tions. Sir Richard doubts that the repeated provision to Parliament and, via the letters to public, of information about

was not told of policy change

MARGARET THATCHER was not told about ministerial changes to the Howe guidelines on export sales to Iran and Iraq, even though she had specifically asked to be kept informed, the Scott report .concluded:

She had demanded to be "kept very closely in touch at every stage and consulted on all relevant decisions. There were three junior ministers concerned but they passed nothing to Downing Street

about the new approach.

As a result, she inadvertently gave an "inaccurate and misleading" answer to a par-

The then Prime Minister's "according to the relevant answer, drafted by the DTI, circumstances."

A letter written by Lady have not changed their policy on defence sales to Iraq" and that export licences would be considered on a case-by-case basis in accordance with the 1985 guidelines.

The report exonerated Lady Thatcher of any knowledge of the change of policy between December 1988 until a July 1989 paper on the sale of Hawk jets to Iraq, as she had not been kept abreast of the

Scott added: "I am satisfied that prior to her reading of the ... Lady Thatcher would not

ministers' agreement and that she had been neither consulted nor kept in touch as she

Yesterday's report also appears to back Lady Thatcher's insistence, during her spoken evidence to the inquiry in December 1993, that she had seen none of the documents that related to the shift of

policy.
"Most of the documents before me I have never seen, I was concerned with the big issues," she told Sir Richard in

her evidence. misleading answer to a pm.
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Labour MP on defence sales to and that they would have had to be applied by officials to the relevant She also said that the guide-

> A letter written by Lady Thatcher in August 1989, after she had been briefed on the Hawk project, also insisted that the policy of impartiality between Iran and Iraq had been maintained.

· However, although she "can be said to have been placed on notice" about the more liberal approach to Iraq, "I do not think Mrs Thatcher can be blamed" if she did not recall the implications of the July 1989 briefing paper, the Scott

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Innocent who pointed the finger

BY ALKE THOMSON POLITICAL REPORTER

MICHAEL HESELTINE emerges with his reputation fully intact. According to the Deputy Prime Minister, who gave a dramatic account to the Scott inquiry, he was the only minister to express serious reservations about signing an immunity certificate. The report makes clear that he was more scrupulous than the rest and igned only when forced by the Attorney-General It says: "Mr Heseltine was of the clear view that the DTI documents ought

not to be withheld from the defence." would look like a government cover up withholding documents, why not the rest? largely followed those of the Nolan rie said ne peneveu use describing in the will be a said no attempts to water inquiry into standards in public life.

Mr. Heseltine made no attempts to water inquiry into standards in public life.

papers and it would have been "terrible" if innocent men went to jail because the papers were not disclosed. Very reluctantiy, the report says, Mr Hesehine — as Trade President — signed a heavily watered-down PII certificate. Later he said that he would resign if strongly

criticised in the report.
The fact that he queried the order embarrassed Kenneth Clarke, Malcolm Riskind and the Foreign Office Minister Tristan Garel-Jones, who all claimed PII He originally refused to sign because it for departmental papers. If Mr Heseline would look like a government cover-up".

down his statement to Sir Richard and he heavily implicated Sir Nicholas Lvell The Westland affair - featuring the

infamous leak of advice to Mr Heseltine from a Solicitor-General — may have given him a certain view about the workings of the law officers. His stance was the first step in his comeback as a possible contender to John Major after a misjudgment over pit closures. His performance in the dock showed he was a survivor in the Whitehall jungle.

As Deputy Prime Minister, Mr Heseltine has been forced to defend the Government's position, repeatedly saying that it would not be obliged to follow the Scott recommendations in the same way it

Scott report: Commons hears Tories fight off resignation calls

Lang and Cook clash over who is guilty of what

JAMES LANDALE, POLITICAL REPORTER

criminal cases.

Churchill trial.

The Attorney-General took

advice on this from indepen-

dent and eminent counsel, and the Government's handling of

PII was endorsed by three

defence counsel in the Matrix

Scott does not in any way

question the personal integrity

of the Attorney-General. He

does, however, express criticism of the adequacy of the

instructions to prosecuting

counsel conveying the views of

the then President of the

Board of Trade [Michael

Heseltinel, and in particular

that the Attorney-General

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cates. They now stand wholly THE three-year inquiry into the arms-to-Iraq affair by Sir vindicated by the report."
The Government had fol-Richard Scott "totally vindicated" the role of Government lowed well-established case ministers, MPs were told law, backed up by independent legal advice, that minis-

mons, Ian Lang, the President of the Board of Trade, said that Sir Richard proved there had been "no conspiracy and no cover-up". He said: "This conclusion gives the lie to the many scurrilous comments made by Labour MPs and by many in the media.

Amid chaotic scenes, his statement was repeatedly interrupted by Labour MPs who waved copies of the report and shouted "Guilty" at the Tory front bench.

Mr Lang said the main reason for setting up the inquiry was the "grave allegation" that ministers, by signcertificates (PIIs), had conspired in a way which could have sent men to prison.

Sir Richard Scott's report demonstrates that this allegation is false and without foundation," he said, "Sir Richard Scott concludes, after over three years of painstaking investigation, that all minwho signed PII certificates did so without impropriety. There is no criticism of them for so doing. There was no attempt to gag. There was no conspiracy to advice given at the time to

iail innocent men." Mr Lang said that for three vears several ministers had endured "repeated abuse and attacks upon their honour and and unpleasant nature over their signing of the PII certifi-



Ian Lang, flanked by John Major and Michael Heseltine, delivering his statement to the Commons yesterday

military-related goods to Iran and Iraq had changed, Mr concludes that, following the ceasefire in 1988 but not before, Government policy towards the export of non-lethal military goods changed in a way which, he believes, should have been drawn to the attention of the House.

Both ministers and officials believed at the time that they were applying policy in a way which remained within the existing guidelines, and Sir Richard expressly accepts that they were sincere in doing so.

However, he does not agree that they were correct in their belief. On this basis, he concludes that a number of ministers' letters and answers to parliamentary questions were inaccurate because they restated what ministers understood to be the policy but which Sir Richard believes, in retrospect, had changed. The crucial issue is wheth-

ministers by the Attorneyer these junior ministers in-General was correct and there tended to mislead this House is no doubt he acted throughand the country. Sir Richard out with complete propriety gives an unequivocal answer and integrity. whether the Government's ministers believed they were guidelines on the sale of avoiding a formal change to

Kids Go Free at Half Term

the guidelines and that, in holding this belief, they had, to quote his words, 'no duplicit-

On the specific case of William Waldegrave, the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, who at the time was a junior Foreign Office Minister, Sir Richard believed that the minister did not intend his letters to be misleading and did not so regard them. To Tory cheers, Mr Lang



Cook: called on Major to sack ministers

therefore absolved of the charge that he intended to

House or anyone else." Mr Lang admitted that there were lessons to be learnt from the Scott report and said the Government would consider its recommendations.

For Labour. Robin Cook. the Shadow Foreign Secre-tary, challenged the Prime Minister to sack ministers whom Sir Richard felt had failed to discharge their obligations of ministerial responsibility to the Commons. He said that the Scott report clearly proved that ministers changed guidelines on defencesales to Iraq and repeatedly refused to admit it to

Mr Cook asked: "Are you really going to ask the House to accept a report that over five volumes demonstrates how this Government misjudged Saddam Hussein, misled MPs and misdirected the prosecution, and then tell us that none of them is going to accept responsibility for getting it

"Will he tell us whether the Government will dismiss those ministers who in the opinion of Sir Richard failed to discharge the obligations of ministerial accountability to the House? Will you take those steps which are now essential if they [the Government] are to be trusted in office?"

After putting a series of questions to Mr Lang, Mr Cook said: I warn you, if you fail to answer these questions, this Government will forfeit any right to remain in office. You have just made a

statement in which you lay blame on the Opposition, blame on the official advice, blame on the system, but accept no blame for ministers. I have to say the public outside will not find that a credible response to such a serious

I have spent the last three hours studying this report, and it fully vindicates our two central charges: that ministers changed the guidelines on the defence sales to Saddam Hussein; and that they repeatedly refused to admit that either to Parliament or to the courts." Mr Cook said that Mr Lang

had accepted what many gov-ernment witnesses at the Scott inquiry tried to deny: that the guidelines on defence sales were changed and that the Government failed to inform Parliament of the change. "Now you have accepted

that conclusion, will you accept Sir Richard's conclusion that this was deliberate and the result of three ministers agreeing to give it no publicity? The reason they gave it no didn't want the public outrage Mr Cook challenged Mr Lang: "Are you really going to

ask us to accept a report that shows that the current Trea-sury Chief Secretary [Mr Waldegrave] sent 27 letters to MPs which were misleading and which he was in a position to know were misleading, and he remains in office as if this report had never been pub-lished?

"Are you really going to ask us to accept a report which show that the Attorney-General [Sir Nicholas Lyell] wrongly advised ministers, failed to tell the court that at least one minister signed under protest and then say he can stay in Mr Cook concluded: "This

report reveals the price Britain pays for a culture of secrecy in government. It documents how ministers changed the guidelines but were more we ried that MPs and the pf might find out than, what Saddam Jusse

challenged Mr Cook to apolo gise or resign. "For the last three years, week after week. month after month, you have fed the House and the press and the public a sour stream of invective, innuendo and invention," he said. "It has been one of the most odious campaigns of manipulation and black propaganda that the House will be able to

recall." For the Liberal Democrats, Menzies Campbell said it was "blindingly clear" from the report that "the Government stands condemned . . . of deliberately failing to inform mem-bers of Parliament and Parliament itself of a fundamental change in policy and a consistent failure to discharge its constitutional respons-

He said the Attorney-Gener al had given "wrong legal advice" on the PIIs. "How can the House and the public have confidence in him? How can anyone have confidence in the present Chief Secretary to the Treasury when ... his views are rejected by Sir Richard Scott as 'misleading', 'not corresponding with reality and 'sophistry'?"

Mr Lang replied: "What you are asking the House to believe is that Mr Waldegrave, along with two other ministers, single-handedly changed government policy without telling his own Secre-tary of State, against the advice of many of his officials. sustained that change for several years with no one know-That is palpably incredible and Sir Richard

Woman who sailed on Titanic dies at 91

Survivors of the Titanic disaster paid tribute yesterday to Eva Hart, who has died aged 91. Miss Hart is pictured right shortly after she and 704 other people were rescued when the liner. went down on her maiden voyage in 1912. Miss Hart. from Charwell Heath, east London, who died on Wednesday, was seven when the supposedly unsinkable liner hit an iceberg 500 miles off Newfoundland. Her father was one of the 1,523



determined that the wreck sh grave to honour his memory. Her auto grave to honour his memory. Her autonography, Shahow of the Titunic, was published recently. She was appointed MBE in 1974. The disaster's youngest survivor, Millvina Dean, 84, said: "Miss Hart was an extremely nice woman and I shall certainly miss her". Edith Haisman, 99, from Southampton, the oldest survivor, expressed her sympathy to Miss Hart's family.

Vegetarian's brain tested

Tests are being carried out on the brain of Peter Hall, 20, a suspected victim of the human counterpart of "mad cow" disease, bovine spongiform encephalopathy. Mr Hall, of Chester-le-Street, Co Durham, died after an illness during which he showed symptoms associated with Creuzfeldt-Jakob Disease. Although Mr Hall became a vegetarian in 1992, his parents believe he could have been exposed to infected meat as a child

Driver gets five years

The son of a wealthy businessman who killed two people in a road accident was sent to a young offenders' institution for five years yesterday after he admitted causing death by dangerous driving. Neil Hebson, 19, from Newcastle upon Tyne, was doing 70mph in a 40mph zone when he hit a pedestrian. His girifriend, a passenger in his car, also died. Hebson, who was over the drink-drive limit, was banned from driving for seven years by Leeds Crown Court.

Body found in lake

Detectives are interviewing a man in connection with the murder of Jeanette Broadhead, 23, whose naked body was found face down in a lake in Heaton Park. Manchester, on St Valentine's Day. Miss Broadhead, from Rusholme, Manchester, died from "pressure to the neck", according to detectives. Police said she had facial injuries but had not been sexually assaulted. Detective Superintendent Roy Rainford said she was not a prostitute.

New play up to scratch

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The actor Tom Conti is giving andiences the chance to Presidence professional critics before his revival of Neil Simon's the result nic comedy, Chapter Two, at the Gielgud Theatre in life for the Lary Avenue on Monday. During preview redistribution haves he has been handing out scratchcards for to register their opinions of the play. The

Trawlers net submarine

A German submarine became entangled in the fishing ners of two British trawlers off the South West of England yesterday (Michael Hornsby writes). The incident occurred 15 miles south of Plymonth breakwater around noon, less than a month after the adoption of a new safety code designed to prevent such accidents. There were no injuries and no damage was sustained by any of the vessels, the Ministry of Defence said.

Asda fined £40,000

The supermarket giant Asda was fined a total of £40,000 yesterday after children found objects including an insect and a screw in food bought at its instore bakery in Bradford. A boy aged 12 found a screw in his mouth after eating bread pudding from the store. A seven-year-old girl saw an insect in bread and a nine-year-old boy found plastic in a hot-cross bun. Asda admitted seven counts and said the matter was regrettable.

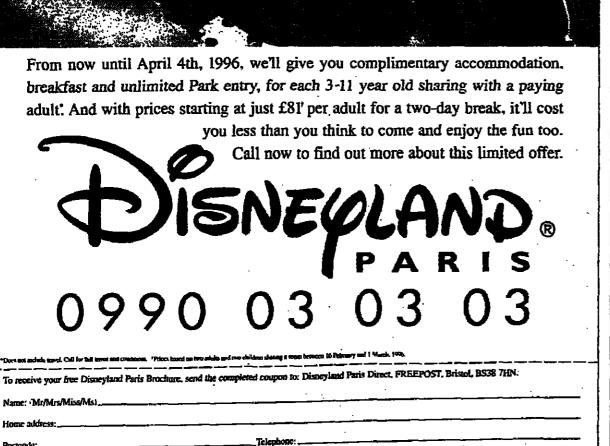
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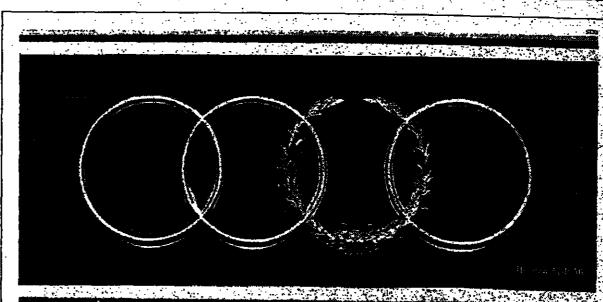
Chief Inspector Michael Parks, who led a dazed Margaret Thatcher to safety from the ruins of the Prime Minister's hotel after the IRA bombing in Brighton 12 years ago, has been suspended indefinitely while he is investigated over "administrative matters", Sussex Police said. The inquiry is believed to centre on the running of a police welfare fund.

After rescuing Baroness Thatcher, he returned to the wreckage to help Leon Brittan and Douglas Hurd.

Statue for soldier

A forgotien hero of the Battle of Arnhem in 1944 could become one of the few common soldiers to be commendrated by a statue. Lance-Sergeant Jack Baskeyfield, a butcher's boy from Burslem, Stoke-on-Trent, won a posthumous VC. The 21-year-old paratrooper knocked out three German tanks before being killed. Local residents are trying to raise £37,000 to exect a statue of Baskeyfield and have already raised nearly £7,000.





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Oman Who Fears of loyalist retaliation increase after IRA says there will be no peace before talks West End bomb prompts security crackdown

AND RICHARD FORD

CURITY at important dangs in London was furer tightened yesterday after discovery of the capital's cond bomb in a week conmed that Britain faces a newed campaign. Parking strictions were imposed **▼**lound Westminster and med police were on duty side Buckingham Palace. Police discovered the device ily hours after the IRA dicated that there was little ospect of an end to its

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It emerged yesterday that vo buildings in Docklands and three demolition and three ore may have to be pulled

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n arranged all-party talks on e future of Northern

own after last Friday's bomb. plosion in east London. Scotland Yard has already poken of any place with nytime or any place with etectives believing the terror-its will vary their tactics to nd make people trans and readle to strike at will.

The IRA said it had ended

Mary Robinson, the Irish President, last night orged politicians to commit themselves to re-establishing peace in the Province Mrs Robinson said on a visit to Lisburn Co Antrine: "We can build on friendship, we can build on the way in which people are reaching out to each other. We must go on doing that, I think, with even more determination and I hope that at the political level this will be matched by a commitment to re-establish the kind of

the cessation of violence because it did not believe there was a "glummer of hope" that Britain would meet its commitment to hold all-party talks. A spokesman for the IRA's "general headquarters" said in Republican News, the. Sinn Fein newspaper: John throughout the period of the IRA cessation, introducing one pre-condition after another. He has betrayed the

The five-storey offices of the The peace process as seen by Signe of the Philadelphia Daily News after the IRA bombing

deliberately squandered this opportunity to resolve the causes of the age old conflict between Britain and the Irish people. He did so to keep himself in power."

The spokesman accused the Government of being interestto surrender. He added that the IRA "condin't persist in a sham whose sole purpose had become the antalmaent of an IRA surregider.
He refused to give details

about the IRA's renewed campaign but he made clear that there was little hope of another ceasefire until Britain agrees to hold all-party talks. The spokesman said: "There is only one place for all the political representatives of the Irish people to go and that is the negotiating table. Current British policy prevents all those with a democratic mandate from sitting around that table. Where the rights of a community are denied, then there is inevitable conflict."
In Docklands, the South

Quay Plaza, where two men died last Friday, could cost at least £30 million to demolish and rebuild. Roberth Tchenguiz, chairman of Rotch Property Group, which owns the plaza, said the building was insured against acts of terrorism. Very little of it remained, he said.

Builder Group, a publishing company, is also structurally unsound, according to Pam Barker, one of the company's directors Investigators suggested further properties may be at risk, but said they would have a clearer picture today



An anti-terrorist police vehicle in Charing Cross Road, in the alert that gridlocked central London for six hours. The device was sent for tests

activity in Northern Ireland. as lovalist paramiltaries come under intense pressure to retaliate for bombs in London. Albert Reynolds, the former Irish Prime Minister who helped to bring about the

fears of renewed terrorist tacks in Britain would increase the chances of an end to the loyalist paramilitary

> He said the loyalist paramilitaries had told him that bombs in London would not go unanswered. He told

say a bomb in London is an attack on their British ethos just as if it was planted in

Five hundred extra troops were flown to Northern Ireland yesterday. The soldiers the total troop level to 17,000. John Taylor, deputy leader of the Ulster Unionist Party. said the arrival of the troops indicated that intelligence reports were suggesting that the IRA was likely to extend its

into Northern Ireland unless they have intelligence to suggest that the IRA is likely to extend its campaign.

"The IRA statement clearly underlines the fact that they campaign to the Province. He said: "I don't think that the

Scientists examine device found in call-box for terrorist 'trademark'

the maker — his individual style — and comparing its

mustruction with earlier finds
may give clues as to who built
it. The small device discovered yesterday in a telephone box is thought to be like those previously placed in litter bins.

eral litter-bin bomb campaigns, the last in 1993, when two children were killed in Warrington. A bin bomb showered a shopping area with chunks of metal. In the takeaway restaurant in Ox-

and yesterday's attempt follow an IRA traditon of bombing public meeting places. In 1974 two attacks on Birmingham pubs killed 21 people and mjured 162.

have been killed while trying to defuse IRA bombs: In 1975, Roger Goad died while trying to make sale a bomb in Kensington. In October 1981, Kenneth Howorth, 49, died while tackling a device at a

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last IRA device defused in London was in Regent Street Two bornb-squad officers in August 1994 - has not meant that the team has slackened its efforts, although the numbers of officers deployed is thought to have been reduced by a fifth.

A Metropolitan Police spokesman said: "Just because the Provisional IRA threat has

alarms. Its busiest year was 1992 when officers were called out 2,233 times. In 1993, the last full year of IRA activity, 34 IRA bombs exploded on mainland Britain, ten devices did not explode and a further 19 ignited but did not explode.

The squad, founded in 1971. is responsible for organising searches, assessing the size and threat of any device and deciding on the size of the safety cordon around the threatened area.

Second alert disrupts theatreland AND OLIVER AUGUST

MATINEE performances of cancelled yesterday as central London was gridlocked for almost six hours after the discovery of the device in the capital's theatreland.

At the Palace Theatre, Caming of the musical Les Miserables had to be called off police told up to 100 people including stage hands, performers and members of the audience who had arrived early to stay in the building, away from windows.

The box office said the disappointed audience were being offered a refund or the chance to see the show at a later date. The evening performance went ahead.

Matinees of Crazy for You, at the Prince Edward Theatre in Old Compton Street, and of LONDON

Changing Room, at the Duke of York's in St Martin's Lane, also had to be cancelled.

AA Roadwatch reported long traffic delays across cenfrom Oxford Street to Piccadilly Circus was sealed off.

The most disrupted areas were the City, Knightsbridge

and the A501 Euston to Marylebone road. Traffic was also reported to be bottlenecked around the bridges as drivers tried to

avoid the jams by crossing the Six central Underground

stations were closed during the search for the bomb. Charing Cross was quickly reopened after a search. But Covent Garden, Piccadilly.

Leicester Square, Tottenham Court Road and Holbern stations remained closed. with trains allowed to pass through without stopping. Bus traffic was also severely restricted by the security alert. The police asked London

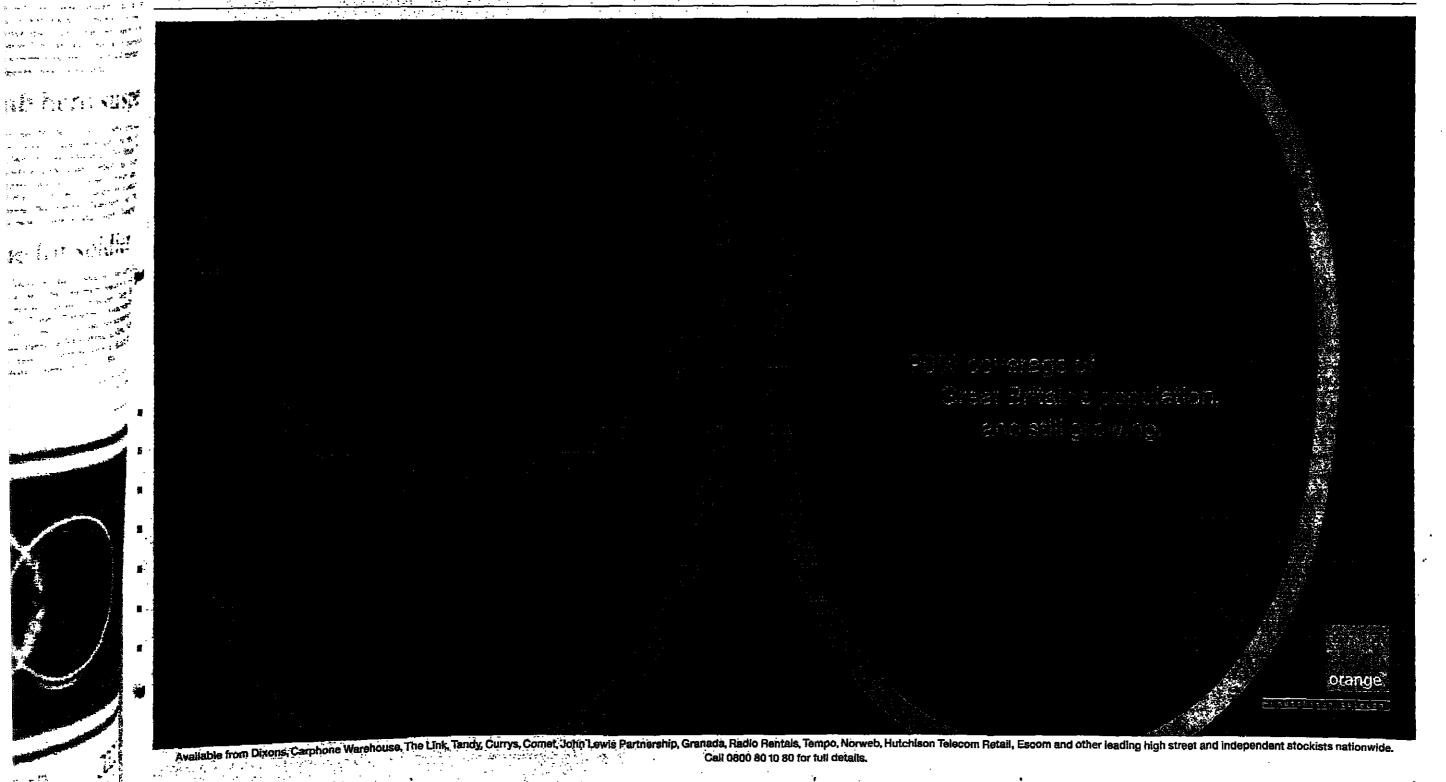
Transport to keep buses just

outside the West End at Hyde

Park Corner, Aldwych and

Several services were not resumed until late afternoon and many passengers were stranded in the West End. London Transport said it inform passengers about the restrictions and when they

were to be lifted.



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International team of doctors combines keyhole bypass technique with widening of arteries

Pioneering operation 'will transform heart surgery'

By JEREMY LAURANCE HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

A MEDICAL team in Bristol has become the first in the world to carry out a new twostage heart operation, which is predicted to transform the treatment of thousands of

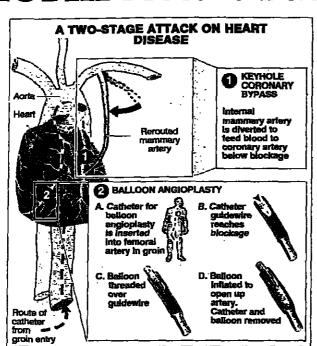
people.

The operation, performed through a small incision in the chest, was hailed by the Brit-ish Heart Foundation as a development that may spare patients the trauma of major surgery. About 25,000 openheart operations are per-formed in Britain each year and up to a million worldwide.

An international team assembled by the Bristol Heart Institute carried out the procedure at the Bristol Royal Infirmary last week. It combines keyhole bypass surgery. in which a new artery is stitched on to the front of the heart, with angioplasty, in which a balloon technique is used to expand narrowed arteries at the back of the heart.

The joint procedure avoids the need for major open-heart surgery but allows both the front and back of the heart to be treated, which is not possible with the keyhole tech-

nique alone. The patient. Dennis Dummett, 61, required only one small incision on the left side of his chest through which the keyhole bypass was performed. Surgeons diverted



supplying the chest wall to the front coronary artery, bypassing the blockage.

Cardiologists then introduced the catheter carrying the balloon for the angioplasty, to treat the coronary artery at the back of the heart. This was done in the conventional way through a hollow needle inserted into an artery in the groin.

Mr Dummett, from Frampton Cotterell near Bristol, was in the recovery room for just

home two days later. Conventional open heart bypass surgery requires a sixinch vertical cut in the chest. splitting the breast bone and stopping the heart temporarily. The patient is put on a heart lung machine. Veins from the thigh are stitched to the front and back of the heart, bypassing blockages. Patients spend 10 to 12 days in hospital and six weeks recuperating. Professor Gianni Angelini,

tion. He was sitting up in bed

the next day and was sent

heart surgery and I believe it will lead to a reduction of as much as 20 to 40 per cent in the number of conventional bypasses. In a few years' time everyone will be doing it."
Professor Angelini, whose

post is funded by the British Heart Foundation, was joined for the operation by Professor Antonio Calafiore from Italy, a pioneer of keyhole bypass surgery, and Professor Tomas Salerno from the United States. Although it was the first time the combined procedure had been performed, the team had experience of more than 200 keyhole bypass

Professor Brian Pentecost, director of the British Heart Foundation, said the advan-tage of the combined procedure was that it reduced the risks and improved the outcome. "If you have three or four coronary arteries that are diseased, the risks of angioplasty increase. If one is damaged during the procedure you don't have the insur-

ance that the others can take

over. By first attaching a new

artery graft to the front of the

heart using the keyhole tech-

nique you have an umbrella of

safety," he said. Many patients undergoing heart surgery require second operations years later when their coronary arteries narrow



Dennis Dummett: looking forward to walking the family dogs and square dancing

undergone major surgery the first time, Professor Pentecost

The Royal College of Surgeons requires specialists who wish to take up keyhole surgery to undergo training first. Surgeons are then awarded certificates indicating the spe-

practise and the range of procedures they are trained to perform. The skills are checked and a new certificate issued every live years.

□ People with heart disease who suppress their emotions

and tend to be negative have a premature death, researchers

They said in The Lancet that a study of 303 patients taking part in a cardiac rehabilitation programme who were followed for up to ten years found that those who tended to experience negative emotions and not express their feelings

Patient is eager to dance with delight

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

DENNIS DUMMETT WAS apprehensive about becoming a guinea pig but is delighted that his example will set a medical precedent.
"I was only asked to volunteer for the operation two weeks beforehand," he said. But I put my faith in the specialist staff at the hospital and I would advise anyone who has the chance of this

The pain and breathless-ness that accompanied his angina forced him to give an square dancing, his favourite pastime, 18 months ago. Now the former engineer is looking forward to swinging his wife Natalie round the floor

again.

First he must reign back his enthusiasm. I feel exceptionally well." Mr Duminett mobilem I said. The only problem I have is making sure that I do not do too much too soon &

The couple, who have a daughter, Beverley, 33, and son, Gregory, 30, danced at venues round the country in to four times a week. Mrs. Dummett, 59, said: "It was a big part of our life. We really missed it In a couple of months or so we hope to go back to it. Mr Dom plans to resume playing his electronic organ in about \$ week and to take the family















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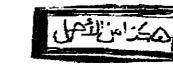




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Peers turn over a new leaf with register of interests

BY ALICE THOMSON, POLITICAL REPORTER

PEERS revealed emphatically yesterday that living like a lord does not mean pottering round estates to hunt, shoot or fish, with occasional forays to Westminster for gossip and subsidised cigars. The first register of their interests shows that a modern peer is more likely to be able to run an investment bank than control a pack of hounds.

The 60-page edition of the new red book lists not only high-powered careers but also vocations as diverse as dentist, freelance zoologist, taxi driver. bus conductor, sculptor, fashion designer, sub-postmaster, author and columnist on The Sun. There is also an extraordinary array of hobbies and a deep commitment to charity work. MPs looked dusty in comparison.

More than 300 peers out of 1,100 have offered to write down their interests in the voluntary section of the red book. Two hundred more are expected to put their names

forward for the next edition. Members of the Royal Family have declined to join in, but everyone is still expected to declare their interests when relevant during debates.

Hereditary peers include the president of Sainsbury plc and the chairman of Pearson pic. Lord Wade of Chorlton is chairman or president of nine companies. More than 100 act as unpaid chairmen for charities. Unlike MPs, none admits to free overseas trips.

bies. The Earl of Clanwilliam is passionate about alternative medicine and is patron of the Association of Traditional Chinese Medicine and the National Institute of Medical Herbalists. Viscount Caldecote is "interested in ship design and building.

A few still partake of more traditional activities. There are a string of stud farmers. racehorse trainers and owners of historic houses. Earl Haig puts "riparian owner of the



Haig: pursuing the traditional interests

Tweed" as well as saying he is professional painter. Far from being aloof, many are avid participators in clubs

such as the Alpine Garden Society. Viscount Waverley lists nothing except "member of the Friends of Burundi and participant in parliamentary seminars in Bujumbura". The register has been

accusations that some of its occupants had abused their position, such as by taking cash for tabling questions. The necessity of a register horrified many who have believe that peers should be trusted to act on personal honour.

Before the register was oublished, rumours spread that more than 300 were now paid by consultancy companies. In the end. only 27 admitted to receiving any incentive or reward for parliamentary services, and they were split evenly between Labour and Tory peers.

Yesterday peers were far more fascinated by their red book than by the Scott report. One senior Tory said: "It is just a bit of fun and makes us look as though we are trying to be more professional.

But in the end it won't make much difference. We already know who owns half of Scotland or a chunk of the City, and who has been forced into working for the



Musa Komeagac, second from left, in court yesterday. His father, centre, and a cleric, right, also face charges

Schoolgirl's Turkish 'husband' freed on bail

Turkey bailed Musa Komeagae, the "husband" of 13-year-old Sarah Cook, after committing him for trial on (Andrew Finkel writes from Istanbul).

released. His lawyers had presented

bone structure, which suggested she had a biological age of over 15 years. The two met while Mr Komeagac was a The crowded courtroom erupted into was on a family holiday. loud applause when the state prosecu-tor asked for Mr Komeagac, 18, to be

waiter in a Mediterranean resort where Sarah, from Braintree in Essex,

The trial is adjourned until April. Musa's father Ali was committed for trial as an accomplice, as was Abmet

performed a marriage ceremony that has no status under Turkish law. He fold the court that Sarah looked 18 or 19

and "said she was a Muslim". The decision to release the waiter was known as "the national bride" and her partner is considered a local hero. He, was taken on a lap of honour.

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BY ROBIN YOUNG

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The requirements for pancakes are simpler and there are special offers on flour. eggs, syrup, oranges and lemons. For those unwilling to toss their own, Marks & Spencer is promoting boxes of microwaveable ready-made pancakes complete with maple and raisin, toffee or chocolate sauce.: . . .

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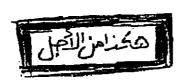
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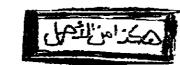
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Quest for ancestor's remains turns heads at airport with display of waving and wailing

Witchdoctor casts spell on Heathrow arrivals

A WITCHDOCTOR dressed in leopardskin, waving a spear and wailing loudly. brought Terminal 2 at Heathrow to a standstill yesterday. Chief Nicholas Gcaleka had arrived on a mission from South Africa to find the head of a warrior ancestor he believes lies somewhere in

Scotland As the chief emerged from Customs, suitcase in one hand and spear - wrapped in airport security tape - in the other, he was besieged by camera crews, photographers. and journalists. Clearly delighted by the attention, he

He then conducted an impromptu press conference at the end of the walkway for arriving passengers, while a queue of puzzled travellers built up behind him. Chief Gcaleka said in English that he was certain that he would find the head of King Hintsa. his great-great-uncle, which is thought to have been taken by a Scottish soldier during a battle against the Xhosa tribe

in the Eastern Cape in 1835. The chief said the spirits had told him the head was to be found in Scotland and that he would find it before returning home. "I have no doubt of

kingdom back to South Africa.

He said the head held the key to peace in South Africa. and he did nothing to dispel rumours that President Mandela, himself a Xhosa, had partly funded the two-week trip with £10,000 of his own money. "Mandela is with us!" he shouted.

Eventually two policemen. more concerned with security than the chief's quest, moved him and his media scrum outside.

As he walked bare-legged into the cold winter air, Chief Gcaleka refused to discuss the

South Africans see chief's

THE killing of King Hintsa on May 14, 1835, is one of the more controversial episodes of South African history. There are conflicting acish colonial policy. counts of the incident, but what is known is that a Cape military guide of Scottish descent named George Southey fired a fatal shot while Hintsa was trying to escape from a contingent of British troops who were bolding him bostage during the early days of the Sixth Frontier War.

Hintsa's death caused outrage in London, culminating in an effigy of Southey being burnt in Trafalgar Square by the London Missionary Society, which maintained that Hintsa was murdered by misguided Brit-

The protests led to a court of inquiry, which exonerated Southey of any wrongdoing but determined that Hintsa's corpse had been mutilated. However, it did not say how or by whom. Hintsa's body was left on the banks of the River Ngabara for his own people to find and Xhosa oral history maintains that the head was missing

Many South Africans were reluctant to donate money to

mission as poor publicity Chief Gcaleka's search, which they feel at best is a dubious enterprise and at worst makes black South Africans appear primitive

also keeping their distance because many English-speaking South Africans would prefer to forget that part of their history. Even so, the expectations

raised by Chief Gcaleka's trip are so high that one Xhosa journalist has predicted that, should he return without the head, many people may de-mand his in its place. He was driven away in a black stretch limousine, a bottle of champagne at the ready, bound for a series of television

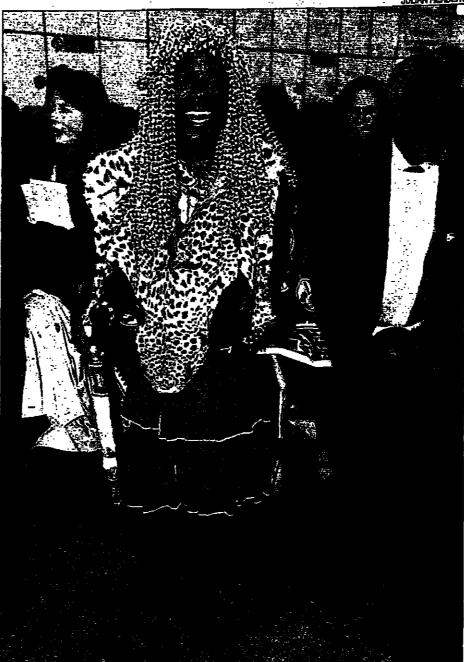
The trip, sponsored by two South African breweries, will involve searching museums in London and Scotland for clues to the whereabouts of the missing head. Chief Gcaleka said he believed it may be at Fort George, near Inverness, which was the base of the now defunct 72nd and 75th Highland regiments.

The chief's guide in Britain Robert Pringle, 20, whose father is a close friend of the chief's in South Africa. He said: "This is a great honour for me. My father was meant to come but could not make it."

Today the chief will meet the South African High Commissioner. Tilana Grobbelaar, a commission official, said at the airport: "We see it as his own spiritual mission, but we are monitoring his visit."

History does not record whether King Hintsa was decapitated, and there is no indication as to whether any remains were dispatched to Britain, although army surgeons of that era frequently sent home skulls and limbs for scientific study

The search is likely to renew the debate about thousands of human remains held in collections throughout the country. The Natural History Museum in London alone has 17.000 body parts, including those of South African bushmen.



Costume drama: Chief Gcaleka's arrival in leopardskin at Heathrow yesterday caused a passenger pile-up in Terminal 2 as he gave an impromptu press conference

Addicts die after taking pure heroin

Police fear a growing toll among heroin users after the deaths of two addicts in Derby were found to have been caused by lethally pure batches of the drug. Dealers have found they can still make large profits without diluting supplies. Addicts were warned to be cautious when buying supplies from unknown dealers.

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Ayres on air

The comic poet Pam Ayres is taking over Charlie Chester's Sunday afternoon Soaphox slot on BBC Radio 2, which be started in 1969, from Frank Topping, who has been standing in since Chester, 82, had a stroke three months ago. He is recovering

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Lion at large

A hunt was under way in the Omagh and Fintona areas of Co Tyrone for a lion believed to have escaped from a private collection. Police said there had been two apparent sightings. Legal controls on keeping dangerous animals do not extend to Northern

Electronic male

Young men who are too shy to ask GPs or telephone helplines about issues such as tence will be able to ask via Email on the Internet in conjunction with a BBC2 series. The Trouble With Men, beginning next week.

Seeds of success

The grass seed used for the pitch at Wembley stadium is to go on general sale. Johnsons says the blend of three varieties took years to perfect. The turf has been tested with the firm's headquarters in Boston, Lincolnshire.

Global warming 'will lead to war over water' in 21st century



Houghton: said UN would have to settle water disputes

ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

WAR will break out as global warming leads rival nations to fight for control of dwindling water supplies in the next century, the leading British climate scientist at the United Nations said yesterday.

Sir John Houghton, chairman of the UN body assessing global warming, predicted that British and UN forces would be deployed to keep armies and communities apart lakes. He said the battles over the uncontrolled global warming "will ther, similar to that of recent years, try and the public can be sensible policies are drafted.

those seen in the former Yugoslavia in severity and the numbers made

Sir John's views are supported by Admiral Sir Julian Oswald, a former Admiral of the Fleet. He says that the Royal Navy, RAF and the Army will, over the coming years, increasingly be used to police international environmental treaties designed to avert disasters and secure

dwindling natural resources. Sir Julian says in the book

sion between traditional and environmental concerns . . . resulting in widespread conflict".

Sir John, a distinguished academic who is chairman of the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution and former chief executive of the UK Meteorological Office was speaking after the agreement by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change that rising global temperatures are at least partly due man-made pollution. Scientists

will become the norm in a globally and find solutions before they warmed world.

'Sir John, author of Global Warming: the complete briefing, told the Royal Society in London yesterday that demand for water had been rising, particularly where it was used for irrigation: 'There are already significant tensions, especially in regions where the water Global Water Policy Project in from major river systems is shared Cambridge, Massachusetts, estibetween nations," said Sin John who cited the rivers Nile; Joseph available fresh water is being contact that the state of the world's who cited the rivers Nile; Joseph available fresh water is being contact.

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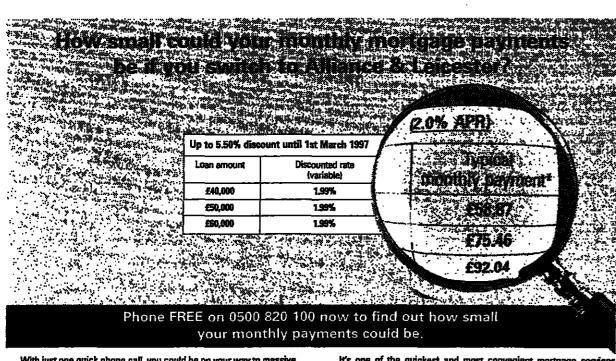
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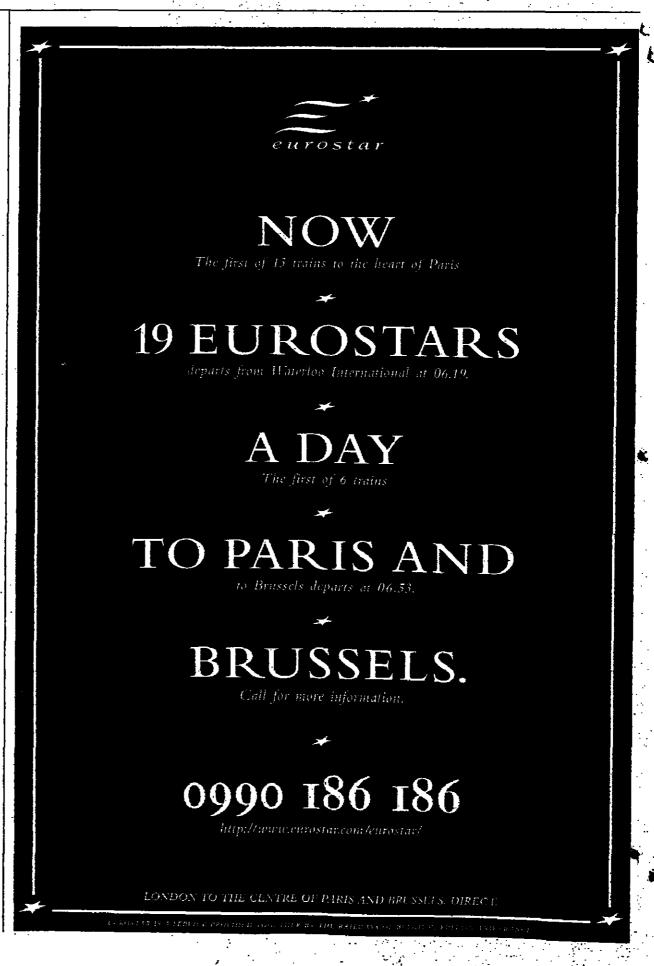
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Fall in inflation strengthens case for further rate cut

BY JANET BUSH ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH inflation fell below 3 per cent for the first time in more than a year, reinforcing what the City-believes is the strengthening case for another cut in interest rates next

The headline retail prices index fell by 0.3 per cent in January compared with December, depressing the annual rate of inflation from 3.2 per cent to 2.9 per cent, the lowest it has been since December 1994. The underlying inflation rate,

to 2.5 per cent or below by the end of this Parliament, fell from 3 per cent to 2.8 per cent — its lowest level since last July. RPIY, the measure of inflation favoured by the Bank of England which excludes mortgage interest payments and indirect tax-

es, was stable at 2.5 per cent. Stock market prices soared. The FT-SE 100 index came within a whisker of a record high, piling on 34.8 points to end at 3,779.8 on hopes of lower base rates. The record of 3.782.6 was set on February 2. Together with recent news of

falling producer prices and stable growth in average earnings, yester-day's figures backed up the Bank's judgment in its Inflation Report this week that it sees no sign of an imminent rise in price pressures.

The City concluded that there was

no hurdle to another quarter-point cut in base rates at the March 7 monetary meeting. Andrew Cates, of UBS, the broker, said: "Over the past two weeks, almost every economic statistic could be used to justify a further cut in base rates. And the Governor of the Bank of

seem, will not stand in the Chancellor's way."

The only question in the mind of analysis is whether the cut will follow the March meeting or a subsequent one. Kenneth Clarke. the Chancellor, said on Wednesday that there was no case for recklessness in setting monetary policy and he may want to delay a little after cuts in December and January.

The Central Statistical Office said that record-breaking discounts in the January sales coupled with lower mortgage rates were responsi-ble for the fall in inflation. Rate cuts

by smaller building societies took just over 0.1 per cent off the headline

rate of inflation on its own. Prices of clothing and footwear fell by 5.6 per cent in January, the largest monthly fall since February 1921, when the rate of price rises was measured by the Cost of Living Index for the Working Classes. Household goods prices fell by 3 per cent in the month, the biggest decline in any month since compa-

rable records began in 1956. Further downward effects on inflation expected this month include an intensification of supermarket price wars, lower petrol prices and another mortgage rate cut. Against this, a rebound is expected in prices of household goods and clothing and footwear as

new stocks come into the shops. The Bank of England said on Wednesday that it expected inflation to drift downwards for most of this year before picking up again gently. It now expects underlying inflation to be somewhat below 2.5 per cent at the end of two years.

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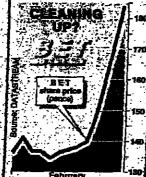
Rentokil's BET bid may lead to SE inquiry

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

RENTOKIL yesterday moved towards a £2 billion takeover of BET, the business services group, in what would be the biggest expan-sion by far of the rapidly growing pest-control and security services group.

A Stock Exchange inquiry is expected after strong City speculation over the move, and a leap in the price of BET shares fuelled by huge transactions on Wednesday and again yesterday before the formal approach at midday by Clive Thompson, chief executive of Rentokil.

shares were traded in BET and yesterday 20 million of the 48.66 million shares dealt went through before Mr to have to fund a bid with a Thompson's 12.15 telephone call to Sir Christopher Har- fell 26p to 3362p. ding, chairman of BET, which



would not comment on the

price rose 342p to 1842p. while Reatokil, which is likely mixture of shares and cash.

BET's board meets today to was then relayed to the Stock discuss Rentokil's move. Both Exchange. The Exchange sides say that a price has not

Yesterday, BET's share

British Gas

challenged

on contracts

BY CARL MORTISHED

EXECUTIVES at Royal

Dutch Shell, the Anglo-

Dutch oil company, yester-

day cast doubt on the scale

of the take-or-pay contracts

problem facing British Gas and demanded that British

Gas executives come up

British Gas has said that it

needs to renegotiate some

£40 billion of contracts with

oil companies struck at high

prices. However, Chris Fay, chief executive of Shell UK,

said yesterday that British

Gas has yet to come up with

a proposal. "The problem is indeed overstated," he said.

"The issue is one of volume

Shell said it was charging

management, not of price."

British Gas well below the

20p per therm average price under all of British Gas's

contracts. BP recently indi-

cated that its contracts to

British Gas averaged 16p. British Gas is believed to

have accelerated production

of high cost fields like its

priced at 26p per therm. Shell cuts, page 25

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with a solution.

executive, BET - which is Palmy days: Clive Thompson, Rentokil's chief executive, who formally announced the BET bid at midday yesterday

Granada swoops on Yorkshire TV

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

£52 million share raid on Yorkshire-Tyne Tees Television, taking its holding to nearly 24 per cent, but said that it was not intending to launch a full bid at this stage.

The raid, widely seen as an attempt by Granada to raise its stake in Yorkshire ahead of enactment of the Broadcasting Bill, prompted heavy trading in other media stocks as speculation grew over the next takeover candidate in the sector after last week's £3 billion merger between MAI and United News & Media. Carlton was the big loser,

down 27p at £10.29, as pressure grew on it to react to the moves made by its main rivals towards consolidation of television ownership. There had been speculation that Carlton might swap its stake in Meridian with the 14 per cent stake in Yorkshire owned by Meridian's parent com-pany, MAI MAI refused to comment yesterday on the future of its stake.

Granada bought 6.12 per cent of Yorkshire shares at £10 a share, taking its own stake to 20 per cent, the maximum

GRANADA yesterday made a allowed by current broadcasting legislation. However, Granada also announced that a subsidiary owned with Lazards, Allquiet Investments, had bought a further 3.88 per cent at the same price. Yorkshire shares soared 150p after the raid, to close at £10.17.

Granada's decision to "deadlock" the 3.88 per cent stake was described by the Independent Television Commission as "within the letter but outside the spirit of the 1990 Broadcasting Act". Charles Allen, chief. operating officer of Granada, deal with the ITC earlier in the

United News and MAI used a similar tactic to avoid ownership restrictions."

The situation should be clarified by the new Broadcasting Act. which will allow companies to take up to 15 per cent of the ITV market share. Granada's move received a warm response from York-

which emphasised benefits of synergy between the two companies. Pennington, page 25

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BET at just under £2 billion. The move marks a sharp change of strategy for Rentokil, which has been buying up businesses after setting itself an ambitious annual growth target of 20 per cent. But Charles Grimaldi,

believe that Rentokil will have

to offer about £2 a share to

ensure the agreement of BET. Such an offer would value

Rentokil's corporate affairs director, said that the company was less attracted by the size of BE! than by its make-up, which overlaps with the office transactions and price jump, services and distribution oper-up nearly 12 per cent this week ations of its would-be

We have been watching BET for a number of years, partly because they are in our sector but also because we have been interested in how the company has been shaped by John Clark," he said. Under Mr Clark, the chief

involved in cleaning, distribu-

tion, catering and security has been streamlined from 160 businesses to 60 and has been restored to financial health. Recently the company has moved towards acquisitions. While the City absorbs Rentokil's proposed deal, which would propel the expanded company to true conglomerate status, there is some confidence that the move is a sensible one and that BET would offer Remokil scope for margin improvement. Charles Spick, analyst with Panmure Gordon, said: "This will really test the mettle of Rentokil. Until now it has concentrated

on fairly small additions. But there is admiration for its management and they should be able to push up margins." Analysts vary on whether the deal would mean dilution of earnings for Remokil. Some believe it may be executed without incurring any dilution while others forecast the impact would be slight.
It is likely, however, that the

shares — which until now have been very highly rated would be reappraised. Rentokil shares are fairly tightly held, pushing up the rating, so a large issue of paper to fund a deal would lead to a re-rating and make them less attractive.

Rentokil, after aggressive expansion under Mr Thompson is the world's largest pest-control company and largest global supplier of office plants.

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Banks defend lending policy after Scott report

By Patricia Tehan, banking correspondent

BRITISH banks were last of millions of pounds of their night poring over the Scott report for any suggestion that their lending practices might have been at fault.

The Co-operative Bank says in full-page advertisements in several national newspapers today (see page 13) that while other banks may have used customers' money to help finance arms, it did not participate in this trade. The bank says: "Between 1981 and 1990, certain banks used hundreds

customers' money to finance the supply of arms to both Iran and Iraq. The Co-op Bank would like to offer reassurance to its customers that we did not, and will not finance the sale of arms to Iran. Iran or any other oppressive regime.

The bank refused to name which of its rivals financed arms deals, but a spokesman said: "Hundreds of millions of pounds of arms went from this



Protesters outside the Midland Bank's AGM last year

country to Iraq and Iran. You cannot send arms of that kind of size of deal without a bank being involved." NatWest said: "The

NatWest Group has extensive relationships with major corporates in the UK and overseas, some of whose activities include armaments manufacture. We seek to be fully satisfied as to the integrity of these companies and their compliance with all legislation relevant to their activities."

Barclays said: "Barclays supports UK defence manufacturing companies and finances selected exports of defence goods, provided the transaction is approved and the goods licenced by the UK Government.'

Midland said its policy is to only consider financing de-fence equipment which is manufactured in the UK and which qualifies for cover from

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Farnell wins approval to proceed

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

FARNELL declared victory in its battle to proceed with a £1.5 billion bid for Premier, the American electronics distribution company, after securing a surprisingly comfortable ma-jority of shareholder votes at its EGM yesterday.

Farnell won 84 per cent of the votes, safely above the 75 per cent it needed, in spite of opposition to the deal from two major institutional shareholders.

Standard Life and Legal and General, which control 3.5 per cent of the stock between them, had voiced reservations about the price and funding of the bid.

Standard Life said it remained concerned about the financial risks associated with the deal. However, the fund management group would not say whether it would now sell its stake in the company. Pensions Investment Re-

search Consultants, the corporate governance pressure group, said the EGM was a turning point in UK corporate governance. Anne Simpson, joint managing director, said: "PIRC welcomes the unprecedented level of shareholder voting ... For too long, companies have assumed that shareholders will rubberstamp their proposals."

Famell still has to win approval from Premier shareholders, but with the support of the Mandel family, who control 54 per cent of the stock, that should prove a formality.

The company is proceeding with provisional allotment letters for its nine-for-19 rights issue immediately. Dealing in the new shares, which will be priced at 540p, starts today.

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Deep losses force Daimler to cut aerospace jobs

BY ROSS TIEMAN INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

DAIMLER-BENZ AEROSPACE is to axe almost 18,000 jobs over the next three years after announcing deeper than expected losses of DM4.3 billion burdened by massive

restructuring costs.

Manfred Bischoff, the chairman, said he was counting upon further "Europeanisation" of the aerospace industry to help to restore the company's profitability. His remark appears to open the door to deeper collabor-ation with British Aerospace and

Pay hope

at Allied

Leisure

clubs and bowling company, expects to resume

million from three night-

Cyprus are not included.

Siebe, the engineer, is to

sell to Jordan Industries,

for £13 million, its subsidi-

ary Barber-Colman Motors, of Illinois, which

employs 245 making elec-

Scottish Mutual Assurance's annual bonus rate

for its life unitised withprofits fund stays at 7.5 per

cent. The pension annual

bonus rate falls from 9.5 to

9 per cent. Rates of rever-

sionary bonus for 1995 are

2.25 per cent of basic benefit and 4.5 per cent of

Bovis, the P&O construc-

tion company, has won an agreement with the Grand

Bahama Port Authority

Group to assist develop-

ment of 230 square miles of

the island around Freeport.

the existing bonus.

Bovis coup

Bonus rates

Siebe to sell

Aérospatiale of France. Dasa's chief partners in Airbus Industrie, the civil jet-builder.

Dasa is pushing for Airbus to play a bigger role in regional jets, where BAe has allied itself with Aérospatiale and Alenia of Italy in AIR. But it is also thought open to closer collaboration in military aircraft, where it partners BAe. Alenia and Casa of Spain on the

Eurofighter warplane programme. Herr Bischoff said Dasa was also open in principle to "implementable co-operation" between MTU. its aero-engine business, and BMW Rolls-Royce, a 50/50 joint venture that has just launched its first motor for business

and regional jets. But he added that legal problems — thought to centre upon MTU's close links with Rolls' arch-rival Pratt & Whitney of America - prevented this going

ahead at the moment. Dasa's losses have oushed its parent Daimler-Benz to record a loss of DM6 billion, the worst in German corporate history. The aerospace arm had been expected to lose DM4 billion. Of that, DM2.3 billion arises from the decision last month to cut off support for Fokker, the Dasa-controlled Dutch regional jet maker which has since gone into administration.

The rest comprises losses arising from the strength of the mark against the US dollar, in which aircraft are priced, and restructuring charges. Of the job losses, 7,700 are accounted for by the Fokker withdrawal. There will be 600 Fokker-related job losses at Dasa, while previously announced programmes would account for 8,000 of the total.

The company said it would not ahandon aerospace, but further disposals are expected. Top of the list is Dornier, the company's regional turboprop arm, where the Dornier family are contemplating exercising their right to buy out Daimler's interest.

N&P to name other bidders balked by £1.35bn Abbey deal Allied Leisure, the night-

dividend payments at the end of this financial year. It yesterday reported pre-tax profits of £515,000 for the NATIONAL & Provincial half to December 31, aginst Building Society is to pub-£773,000 in the previous lish the names of the five banks and building societies first half. The interim dividend is again passed. Ken Scobie, chairman, it held talks with before agreeing to a £1.35 billion takeover by Abbey National. said that the second half

would benefit from up-Five names are in a docugrading of the core estate ment to be sent out to its members next month. Aband the first contribution bey is top of the list, along from the £19.79 million. with a detailed section ex-November acquisition of GX Superbowl, funded through a £15.84 million plaining why the society felt that Abbey's was the best deal for members. The other rights issue. First-half earnings a names, some of which have share were 0.63p, down never confirmed their interfrom 1.03p. Reported turnest in N&P, are understood to be Nationwide. Alliance & Leicester, Woolwich and over rose to £9.68 million. from £9.54 million; the 1994 comparison included E1.52 Cheltenham & Gloucester,

clubs now sold. Alastair Lyons, chief exec-Barclays sale utive of N&P, said yesterday that, under the Building Barclays has signed a let-Societies Act, the society is ter of intent to sell its 40 required to identify organbranches in Cyprus to Hellenic Bank for \$18 milisations that submitted written proposals. He refused to lion. Bardays Bank's offsay how many organisations shore operations on

> names were. Members will vote on the £1.35 billion takeover by Abbey National at a special meeting in the middle of

> would be named or what the

which is owned by Lloyds



Alastair Lyons, N&P chief executive, who will brief members on Abbey decision

April, and the deal is expected to be completed in August. N&P and Cheltenham & Gloucester unveiled their results for 1995 yesterday. Both revealed that there had been substantial growth in lending figures in spite of what they

both described as a subdued and highly competitive mar-ket. N&P reported a 39.5 per cent leap in pre-tax profits to £187 million after the £8 million exceptional cost of fees in connection with the Abbey National deal.

It pushed its net and gross mortgage shares to 2.9 per cent, compared with 0.1 per cent and 2 per cent respectively in 1994. Mr Lyons said that remortgaging accounted for 25 rest achieved as a result of a

ucts. He added that he expected the housing market to remain subdued, which meant a competitive mortgage mar-

ket this year. C&G, which was taken over by Lloyds Bank in August last year, pushed its share of net lending from 4.2 per cent to 10 per cent. Andrew Longhurst, chief executive, said that this was mostly due to cash offers, no valuation fees and a price promise. C&G had started its mortgage sales in Lloyds branches at the end of the year and hoped that the impact of this would be felt this year.

C&G now sells in 2,000 branches compared with 200 before its acquisition. Mr Longhurst said that following the takeover of TSB by Lloyds, C&G would be selling in 3,000 branches by the end of 1996. This would enable C&G to distribute mortgages to a larger customer base at modest extra cost, he added.

Profits before tax for the five months to December were £838 million. On a pro-forma basis for 1995, C&G's profits were up from £219.2 million to £246.7 million, in spite of an increase in bad debt provisions from £31.8 million to £43.7 million.

Lloyds unveils its 1995 figures today.

Imro fines second Finlay firm £17,500

A CITY watchdog has fined a second company within the A CITY watchdog has fined a second company within the James Finlay banking group for serious rule breaches. Imro, the regulator for fund managers, yesterday fined James Finlay Investment Management (JFIM) £17,500, plus £23,500 in costs, for failing to keep proper records and for not supplying accurate information to Imro. The offences occurred between October 1992 and December 1994. On the charge of failing to provide accurate information. Impossion occurred between October 1992 and December 1994. On the charge of failing to provide accurate information, Imro said that JFIM stated that it carried out monitoring procedures on a regular basis and that compliance arrangements had been effective "when this was not the case".

Last November, Imro fined Warne Investment and Financial Services, also part of the James Finlay group. \$80.000 — more than a year's worth of profits — and ordered

ERO,000 — more than a year's worth of profits — and ordered it to pay £25,000 in costs. JFIM has £109 million of funds under mangement and some 2,000 customers. The company declined to comment yesterday.

Rom Data inquiry

OFFICERS involved in the joint investigation between the Serious Fraud Office and Devon and Cornwall police into Rom Data, the failed West Country computer company that crashed after receiving £850,000 of taxpayers' money. are to fly to Cork in the Irish Republic next week to interview two former directors, John Dawson and his wife Elizabeth. The police have completed interviewing former employees of Rom Data, many of whom were owed wages when the company collapsed.

Competitors sue AT&T

BELL ATLANTIC and DSC Communications have filed a \$3.5 billion lawsuit against AT&T, claiming that it monopolised the market for equipment, software and caller ID services. The companies allege that AT&T is delaying and preventing the use of inteconnecting plugs needed by vendors such as DSC. AT&T is accused of "sabotaging" interface standards to connect other manufacturers' equipment to telephone switches. The lawsuit seeks to recover damages, including lost profits, for the period when AT&T was engaged in blocking information.

Hornby warning

HORNBY Group, the toymaker, said profits for the 15 months to March 31 would be below stock market expectations. This follows the disposal of Fletcher International Sports Boats, a loss-making subsidiary, for £315,000, giving rise to an asset write-off of £2.9 million and a £1.3 million charge against goodwill Results would also be burdened by net provisions of £700,000 relating to the write-off of an investment in America and severance payments. Malcolm Thomas will step down as chairman. Peter Newey, chief executive, will succeed him.

Williams venture

WILLIAMS GROUP is to establish a joint venture in China between Yale Locks, part of its security products division, and Guangdong Guli Locks. The venture will manufacture more than 25 million locks a year and employ around 4,000 people. It will have an initial total investment of £35 million. Williams, which will have management control, will have a 45 per cent interest in the new company. Guangdong Guli will have 40 per cent interest and the American International Group will hold the final 15 per cent.

Unilever's Chilean deal

UNILEVER has agreed to buy Consorcio Agro-Industrial de Malloa, a Santiago food business, from a Chilean subsidiary of BAT Industries, Empresas CCT, for \$102 million in cash. Completion of the sale is expected by the end of this month. Malioa is one of Chile's leading food companies. It has 700 full-time employees producing and marketing tomato-based products and canned fruit and vegetables. Five companies are understood to have bid for the firm, with Empresas CCT narrowing the list to Unilever and Heinz.

Slough to sell in Sydney

SLOUGH ESTATES has exchanged conditional contracts to sell its four properties in Sydney for A\$115 million (£57 million) to Equitable Property Trust, a fund managed by Colonial Mutual. The sale price of the 1.66 million sq ft is near to its book value, the company said. Slough Estates recently sold its Adelaide properties, raising A\$13 million and will also soon sell its Melbourne properties. It will use the money to reinvest in the UK, continental Europe and North America where it said it sees "better opportunities to expand".

BTR \$80m acquisition

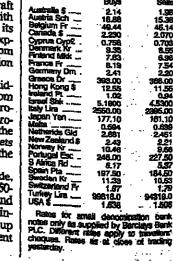
BTR, the UK engineering company, has acquired the vibration control division of America's GenCorp Inc for \$80 million. The division, a leading manufacturer of vibration control components for cars and light lorries, has annual turnover of more than \$150 million and employs about 1,200 people. It will form part of BTR's anti-vibration systems group, whose existing operations are in Brazil, Germany, Britain and Spain, establishing an enlarged group with turnover of \$550 million.

Saab reduces aircraft losses

SAAB, the Swedish aircraft maker that has teamed with British Aerospace to offer its JAS 39 Gripen fighter in export markets, cut losses from Kr522 million to Kr354 million (E33.1 million) last year.

The improvement was aid-ed by increased revenues from defence, as the Gripen programme shifted into the pro-duction phase. Some 14 of the single-engine, high-agility jets have now been delivered to the

Swedish Air Force, But the civil aircraft side, building the high-speed, 50seat Saab 2000 turboprop and the Saab 340 30-seater continued to lose money. Group



est on funds available to

'PPI used to transfer millions'

By Jon Ashworth

ASIL NADIR and his wealthy associates used Polly Peck International (PPI), to transfer millions of pounds in personal funds from northern Cyprus to Britain, a court eard yesterday.

Money paid locally to Unipac, a packaging subsidiary, was matched in London by PPI. which credited the funds in sterling to UK bank accounts. Turkish lira held on deposit in northern Cyprus accumulated interest at rates as high as 100 per cent, contributing vast sums to PPL Details of the money transters emerged on the third day

of the trial of Elizabeth For- that the sums had sometimes syth, former financial adviser to Mr Nadir. Mrs Forsyth, 59, denies two counts of handling £400,000 in stolen funds. Lawrence Tindale, one of

four non-executive directors of PPI, told the court that the board agreed to the transfers on the basis that funds were equally matched. The Turkish lira was a "soft" currency at the mercy of high rates of inflation and people in north-ern Cyprus wanted to get their money out". They deposited large amounts of lira into local bank accounts and received the equivalent from a PPI subsidiary in London. - Mr Tindale told the jury

run into millions of pounds. Those involved included members of the Nadir family and other local businessmen. The court heard that inter-

Unipac provided "substan-tial" profits, which were fed into the PPI accounts. The catch was that there was no certainty that interest payments would be honoured.

The court heard that Mr Tindale and his fellow directors had spent several months trying to tackle a "shortage of cash" at PPI in the months before the group went into administration in October 1990. The trial continues.

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PowerGen is seeking deal for Scottish coal BY OUR CITY STAFF POWERGEN, the electricity generator, is believed to be negotiating the purchase of up

to one million tonnes of coal a year from Scotland.

The deal with Mining Scotland would account for a fifth of the country's coal produc-tion. PowerGen would take a minimum 600,000 tonnes a year, with options for more, to be shipped by rail to the Fiddler's Ferry and Ferrybridge power stations in Merseyside and Yorkshire.

Mining Scotland, based in Edinburgh, operates the Longannet pit and several opencast mines. The company declined to reveal any details of a possible deal with PowerGen, but a spokesman said: "It is no secret we have been talking to them, but there

is no ink to dry." PowerGen was also tightlipped yesterday and would only say: "We cannot comment on contracts with suppliers, which are covered by commercial confidentiality clauses."

At present, most of Mining Scotland's output goes to Scottish Power's Longannet power

Emotional extremes hurt Europe debate, says CBI

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE Confederation of British Industry yesterday attacked "emotional extremes" over Europe and called for a balanced argument over the is-

sues that affect UK business. The CBI insisted that business interests must not be lost in the heated political debate about proposals for European economic and monetary union and Britain's place in Europe. Adair Turner, Director-General of the CBI, called on business to focus on the key issues it faced over Europe

BR company

sold to Scots

buyout team MANAGERS and employees of British Rail's track mainte-

nance company in Scotland

The buyout, the largest rail privatisation north of the bor-

der so far, was hailed by the Government as a "significant

milestone" in the transforma-

The Scotland Infrastructure

Maintenance Company, which employs about 2,400 people,

on some 2,600 miles of track, including the Forth Bridge.

John Watts, minister for

railways and roads, said:

This is another important

moment in the revolution of

Infrastructure Services is a

crucial element of the rail

privatisation programme."

The sale of the British Rail

tion of the railways.

Britain's railways

have bought the business.

extremes clouding the subject. European Movement Business Forum, Mr Turner warned against approaching the issue. of Europe "with either a strong federalist vision which seeks integration as an end in itself or with an aggressively anti-Europe stance, which exploits present difficulties in some continental countries to cast doubt on the benefits UK membership

and to avoid the emotional Speaking in London to the of the EU has brought".

Mr Turner said: "Between

largest truckmaker and UK

market leader in heavy lorries. is to be floated off by its

Swedish parent with a price tag of between £2.8 billion and £3.7 billion.

The sale of a 70 per cent stake by Investor, the industri-al colossus controlled by the

Wallenberg family, will be

among the largest non-privati-

sation florations attempted.
World demand for trucks

over 16 tonnes, in which

Scania specialises, appears to

have peaked. But Scania has

just completed the renewal of its model range and is rapidly

Last year, it sold 44,600

trucks and buses worldwide,

Court told of Nadir money movements

an increase of 33 per cent. In

increasing market share.

Wheels in motion

for Scania flotation

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

Eurosceptic glee that Europe faces problems, and the Eurofanatic speak that unless everything goes ahead as per Maastricht, then we slip back towards a divided continent, there's a real danger that the voice of balance and reason gets lost. But it is vital that that voice is heard." Even if European monetary

union did not go ahead in 1999, it would not mean the end of the European single market or prevent proceeding with EMU

Britain, its biggest market after Brazil, Scania sold 5,380

lorries, to take third place in

the 16-tonnes-plus segment.

But in January it overtook Volvo and Leyland DAF to

The company's net income during 1995 was Kr3.28 billion

(£306 million), a 28 per cent rise on sales which were ahead

13 per cent to Kr34.9 billion

In Europe, its biggest single market, Scania last year lifted its market share from 12.8 per cent to 14.7 per cent. The

company has assembly plants in Holland, Sweden and

France. It is also a big player in Latin America, manufactur-

ing in Brazil, Argentina and Mexico.

take first place.

(£3.26 billion).

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☐ Farnell debate highlights fund managers' dilemma ☐ Further price falls in prospect ☐ Granada's swoop is the prelude to a bid

☐ THE paradox that arises from THE paradox that arises from the scrap over a fairly insignificant. Yorkshire distributor of electronic components is that the decision by some City institutions to break cover comes after years of criticism for their supine and unprincipled behaviour.

Time after time, especially on issues like executive nay and issues like executive pay and share options and at annual

share options and at annual meetings such as British Gas last year, the private shareholders have been baying for management blood. But the institutions have always, with apologies to Cedric the pig, saved their bacon. Now some of those bodies have come forward for the first time to push their views in time to push their views in public, and have been criticised for it. With all due respect to

Farnell's US ambitions, this is the most interesting aspect of the battle to force through the £1.8 billion bid for Premier.

Standard Life's decision to go public with its opposition to the deal was an atternet in head off sensible course of action either.

Any regulatory measures would face bitter opposition from the institutions, fearful that breaking the bond of confidentiality with companies would undermine the system of nods and winks that allows them privileged information. It is also impractical; large institutions have to react to hundreds of deals bids and results every day, and to justify every one would be deal was an attempt to head off yet another rubber-stamping exyet another rubber-stamping ex-ercise. For this the Scottish institution deserves a double vote of thanks from shareholders, for not only raising the level of the debate about the deal itself but also beinging the whole issue of also bringing the whole issue of institutional accountability back on the City's agenda.

The selective use of publicity, as practised by Standard Life and Mercury Asset Manage-

Standard bearer for change as Standard Life, are groping towards a viable solution. They

ment at the close of the Forte-Granada bid battle, is not a solution to the problems of transparency in itself. In many say an annual statement of aims ways it creates a situation that is more confusing for companies and shareholders, with certain institutions employing tactical releases of information to bolster their positions while others adhere religiously to the old traditions of secrety by an institution would provide a yardstick by which investors could measure the actions of fund managers. Inevitably the statement would ditions of secrecy.

There is a risk that this will lead to powerful institutions "steamrolling" decisions, a practice that companies themselves

and to justify every one would be

But some fund managers, such

horribly time consuming.

need to be inclusive, but it would allow investors to demand explanations of subsequent behaviour that apparently contravened that stated policy. The mundane day-to-day decision-taking could carry on as before, but institutions would are banned from using. The obvious alternative, obliging all institutions to go public, is not a sensible course of action either. become increasingly accountable for their more controversial

Bargaining power.

ENNETH Clarke is relying heavily on British consumers to restore the "feel-good" factor and his party's electoral fortunes, but whether they can deliver the goods is still one of the most contentions according the most contentious economic

issues around. Mervyn King, the Bank of England's director of economics,



this week succinctly described the chasm between two different types of consumer. There is the individual still burdened with the high levels of debt left over from the 1980s whose income has harely kent up with inflation, law from the 1980s whose income has barely kept up with inflation, low as this has been, and who may perhaps also be suffering from negative equity. But there are also those lucky souls who will benefit from large one-off payments as their building societies are taken over or from a maturing Tessa and suddenly enjoy some serious disposable income.

some serious disposable income.
Whether Mr Clarke succeeds
in getting the 3 per cent growth
he has forecast will depend on
which grown provides a provide a province a provide a provide a province a pro which group proves more powerful. But one thing is undeniable. The British consumer is getting

value for money like never before because of a Mexican wave of competition rolling across all areas of retailing. January's headline inflation rate fell to its lowest level for more than a year partly because of vicious price competition between electrical

goods retailers.
Inflation is likely to fall even further in February as the temperature of the petrol and supermarket price wars heats up another notch. As soon as the Government slaps extra duty on Government slaps extra duty on petrol, so suppliers seem to march it with discounts. A cut of four to five pence a litre, an estimate from the Central Statistical Office in February, should take 0.3 per cent off headline inflation for that month.

And then there are the super-

And then there are the supermarkets. After a demolition derby of price cutting in January, more is to come. One chain is offering another is promising 1986 prices to improve the promising the promisin to its customers. And the retail prices index doesn't even pick up those savings earned through loyalty cards. With building societies cutting mortgage rates to win market share and insur-

ers stunned into efficiencies by the success of outfits like Direct Line, there seems no end to the benefits to be enjoyed by consumers. But will it all be enough at the polling booths?

Programme trading

☐ THE elaborate cars cradle that connects the various in-dependent television contractors was always going to have to be disentangled one day. Granada's dawn raid on Yorkshire is in the nature of a pre-emptive sword stroke across those strings. The permutations were end-

less — witness the heated speculation when dealers learned of the dawn raid but not the identity of the mide. the identity of the raider. Was it the identity of the raider. Was it Carlton, grabbing a chunk of Yorkshire ahead of a deal with MAI that would swap Carlton's remaining shares in Meridian, where MAI has the majority, for MAI's 14 per cent of Yorkshire? Alternatively, if it was Granada having would this property buying, would this prompt Carlton to go for MAI, scuppering last week's merger

with United News & Media?
Anyone still following this should be aware that there are at should be aware that there are at least two other ITV contractors also up for grabs and with large stakes held elsewhere. Scottish and HTV. What this frantic activity is all about is taking positions ahead of tribes on TV commers. relaxation of rules on TV ownership, which will allow any one company to own 15 per cent of the audience including satellite, cable and the BBC, and preparing for the next franchise round.

The big TV companies, like the Sunday retailers a couple of years ago, have decided that if the law is going to change, they might as well anticipate this and get in before the competition.

MAI and United needed a parking orbit for the Express titles ahead of relaxation of cross-media ownership rules; Gra-nada has likewise warehoused for now the small percentage of Yorkshire shares it is not yet allowed to own, but this still a takeour uniting to happen

takeover waiting to happen.

This is all of doubtful morality, and the Independent Television Commission for one is far from pleased. As to the 1999 franchise round, Granada and Yorkshire combined would be making almost half of all the programmes supplied to the ITV network, a commanding position. No one commanding position. No one ever accused Gerry Robinson of not thinking ahead

Shell ready to make big cuts in capacity

SHELL, Europe's largest oil \$300 million rise in net income refiner, is considering a reduction in capacity of about 30 per cent through closures and

John Jennings, chairman of Shell Transport and Trading, said yesterday a restructuring of the company's refineries "is a serious and high priority issue". Discussions had

reached a "delicate" stage.
Industry analysis believe
the Berre l'Etang refinery, the smaller of Shell's two plants in France, could be closed. In the, UK, a reduction in capacity would be most likely to affect

Shell is Europe's largest refiner, with regional capacity of more than 1.6 million bodthrough 12 refineries, just ahead of Exxon Corp. British Petroleum has already taken action to reduce overcapacity in refining and Mr Jennings said he expected the pressure on worldwide refining mar-

gins to continue.
Yesterday Shell reported a

Port dispute

sees Mersey

Docks slip

A PROLONGED and bitter

industrial dispute at the Port of Liverpool has so far cost

Mersey Docks and Harbour

Company £4 million and con-tributed to a decline in pre-tax

profits to £31.7 million from £33.6 million in 1995 (Martin

Industrial action began

when 80 men dismissed from an independent stevedoring

company established a picket

line, which 329 Mersey Docks port workers refused to cross. They were dismissed and a

new workforce was recruited. The original workers subse-

quently rejected an £8 million

Pre-tax profits were further affected by a £3.3 million loss

at Eurolink. Mersey's ferry operation. Earnings fell to 24.48p a share from 25.33p.

with a final dividend of 7.85p

for a total of 11.5p, rising from

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settlement package.

Barrow writes).

to a record £4.4 billion for 1995, although fourth-quarter income was reduced to £851 million from £1.117 billion because of a downturn in chemicals and rising supply costs. The total dividend rises to 33.3p from 27.1p on earnings per share of 47.8p against 45p in 1994.

Manufacturing, marine and marketing earnings had been affected by depressed profit margins throughout the year, the group said. Crude oil production of 2.3 million barrels a day was 3 per cent higher than in 1994 and natu-ral gas sales were up 4 per Shellhaven, with capacity to process 92,000 barries of trude per day (bpd), The cent. The group remains optilarger Stanlow refinery, with capacity of 262,000 bpd, is likely to be reviewed. increase, with higher oil volumes planned in Europe and in the US, where new developments in the Gulf of Mexico will more than offset declines from maturing onshore fields,

Crude oil prices last year were on average \$1.25 a barrel higher than in 1994.

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Spies carried 570,000 passen gers last year, and in the 12 months to December 31 made an operating profit of £600,000.

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Airtours in £60m acquisition

AIRTOURS, the UK's second largest tour operator, has acquired Simon Spies Holdings, which has a 40 per cent share of the Danish holiday market, for a total of £60 million (Marianne Curphey

an announcement soon on a deal with Carnival Corp. America's largest cruise group, which will lead to Carnival taking a stake of up to 30 per cent in Airtours. Spies' tour business and hotels were bought from Conair Consolidated Aircraft by Airtours' subsidiary company Scandinavian Leisure Group for £10 million in cash. It also spent £50 million on aircraft and assets which had previously been leased.

Philips gives warning in spite of record

FROM MARK FULLER IN EINDHOVEN

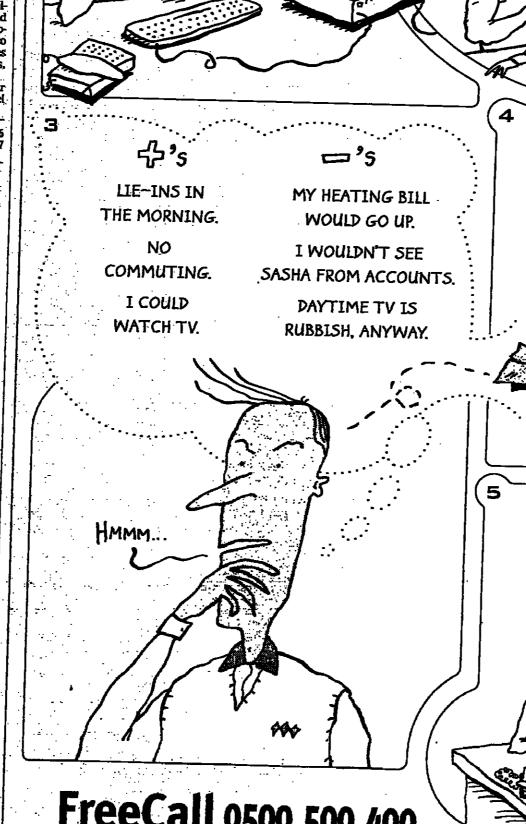
PHILIPS yesterday reported record net earnings and sales in 1995, but gave warning that its consumer electronics business was still in the doldrums. Net profit on ordinary activ-

ities rose to 2.684 billion guilders £1.06 billion) last year from F12.049 billion, on turnover 6 per cent higher at F164.5 billion.

Jan Timmer, the president, who will be succeeded by Cor Boonstra in October, said the results were "a nice leaving gift for an old man who has worked hard. The group was particularly satisfied with a 16

per cent rise in earnings per share, he said.

The record results reflected growth at the components and semiconductors division. where operating profit rose FI 600 million to FI22 billion, and a strong performance in lighting. Consumer electronics, accounting for roughly one third of turnover, saw operating profit decline by F1331 million to F118 million. Losses at Grundig, the German subsidiary, and continuing price erosion in Europe prevented a recovery in this division. Tempos. page 26



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Rate cut pressure pu shares near all-time I

cut in interest rates sent share prices to within a whisker of their all-time high. The FT-SE 100 index closed at its best of the day at 3,779.8, a rise of 34.8, in spite of a lacklustre performance overnight on Wall Street. Turnover reached more than 800 million shares.

It followed further bullish news for Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, with inflation below 3 per cent in January. Dealers said it provided evidence that there was further scope for a cut in interest rates. Initial reaction to the findings of the Scott inquiry was also favourably received.

BET, the cleaning, security and building services group. surged 342 p to a new high of 1842p after Rentokil confirmed market whispers that it had approached the company with a view to making an agreed hid. City speculators claim Rentokil will have to pay around 200p a share, valuing BET at El.9 billion. The size of the bid means the terms are expected to be a mixture of cash and shares.

Rentokil shares responded with a fall of 26p to 3362p. with brokers worried about the expected earnings dilution. Clive Thompson, chief executive, has set himself a target of at least 20 per cent earnings growth per annum.

Brokers were alerted to the possibility of a bid for BET by the high level of turnover in its shares. An inquiry by the Stock Exchange is expected to be launched into possible insider trading.

Granada extended its recent spending spree by spending £31.58 million on increasing its stake in Yorkshire-Tyne Tees Television. In a dawn raid carried out by ABN Amro Hoare Govett and BZW it picked up a further 3.15 million shares, or 6.12 per cent of the company, at £10 a share. A joint venture company controlled by Granada and ers also pickedup 2 million shares, amount-

ing to 3.88 per cent. Yorkshire responded to the move with a leap of 150p to £10.17, with the warrants adding 158p at 825p. The move increases Granada's direct holding from 13.87 per cent to

almost 20 per cent. Granada emphasised it was not poised to make a full bid unless someone else moved. motion designed to deter other bidders, while it is in the

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process of disposing of the luxury hotels it inherited from Forte. Granada finished 94p

The move by Granada focused speculative attention on the rest of the media sector, with Scottish Television 57p higher at 685p. Pearson up 27p at 706p. BSkyB 7p dearer at 39lp, Mirror Group op dearer at 209p, and Golden

at 730p. and London, 3p firmer at 748p.

CRH traded at a peak of 515p after addressing about 40 fund managers at building products seminar arranged by Kleinwort Benson, the broker. Harry Sheridan. finance director, says the group will continue to achieve its target of 15 per cent earnings growth and 12 per dividend growth per annum.

Rose IIp better at 64p. MAI, which last week agreed a £2.9 billion merger with United News & Media, jumped 24p to 446p, with the speculators still holding out for another company to bid. United News was 7p better at 639p.

Bid speculation was also revived in Yorkshire Electricity where the price stood out with a rise of 17p to 733p as more than 1.5 million shares

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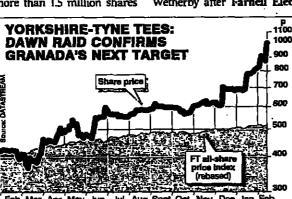
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TV companies benefited from Granada's shares raid yesterday

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William Jacks continued to reel from Wednesday's profits warning with a fall of 15p to 38p. The group forecast a final figure of at least £600,000, down from £795,000 last time. Hornby, the model railwa

making sports boat busing This helped offset news of profits warning and lifted shares 17p to 170p.

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This helped offset news of a profits warning and lifted the shares 17p to 170p. GILT-EDGED: Prices closed mixed with support directed at the ten-year level on hopes of a rate cut. Longer-dated issues finished a touch softer where changed. Brokers said the inflation fall had been anticipated but was still considered positive. In the futures pit, the March series of the long gilt firmed three ticks to close at £1081516 as 52,000 contracts were completed. In longs, Treasury 8 per cent 2013 slipped a tick to £100, while in shorts Treasury 8 per cent 2000 added £4s to £1041132.	RISES: Austin Reed 204p (+18p) Scot TV 685p (+57p) Photo-Me 166p (+13p) Frost Group 153p (+10p) Vero Gp 251p (+15p) Real Time 210p (+12p) HTV Group 370p (+20p) MAI 448p (+24p) Unitech 521p (+24p) S & U 353p (+14p) Chrysalis 430p (+16p) Chrysalis 430p (+16p) Abbey National 613p (+22p) Electrocomprits 381p (+10p) Ryl Bik Scot 567p (+14p) BAA 509p (+12p) Urdyds Abbey 518p (+12p) Nat West 676p (+15p) Ladbroke 181p (+8p) Corteces 261p (+8p) David Smith 305p (+8p)
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Rats on the treadmill

and mice, Rentokil wants to pursue bigger game but investors would probably be better off without trophies. No-one can accuse Rentokil of reticence when it comes to making acquisitions. The group chalked up an impressive growth record acquiring dull, badly run service businesses and squeezing more profit out of them by raising prices and

However, BET is no more than another collection of service businesses, not noticeably underperforming. A likely price of £1.9 billion - assuming the bid is to have BET's blessing - will certainly mean that Rentokil will have to issue some paper. The question is whether that paper will carry the high value that

Rentokil's shares enjoy. satisfied, Rentokil may Rentokil has impressive management skills Hanson-like treadmill.

HAVING made a name for itself catching rats and its track record of improving the margins of its new businesses is so far unbroken. But the ambitious target of 20 per cent per annum growth makes the company a hostage to fortune and such goals cannot be won indefi-nitely. BET does make sense for Rentokil, there is scope for margin improvement in the business and room for streamlining. However, BET had already embarked upon the job with plans for disposal of some businesses and add higher value operations.

Acquisition of BET will propel Rentokil firmly into the conglomerate stakes. BET shareholders stand to gain a premium but it is less clear how Rentokil will reward its own shareholders who will demand ever more from the larger group. If they are to be satisfied. Rentokil may have embarked on a

could do so by giving capital

back to shareholders, money on deposit which is currently

earning just 4 per cent. Shell has reconciled itself to the

notion that smaller can be

beautiful - hence the shrink-

ing of head office - but it

needs to act more quickly in

areas like refining. A useful

model could be its own US

subsidiary, Shell Oil.

While Shell has the cash — some £7 billion of liquid

funds - to maintain high

levels of dividend, much of it

has been generated from disposals rather than profits

from operations. Over the

past five years the oil com-

pany has shed assets worth

If Shell was really keen to

raise its rate of return, it

about £4 billion.

Shell Transport

SHELL seemed to be talking about two different companies yesterday. On the one hand, it raised the dividend a thumping 23 per cent, indicated an increase of capital expenditure to £8 billion and spoke confidently of a 15 per cent return on capital target. Yet the same company reported appalling fourth quarter results. Profits from and the outlook for refining marketing remains weak. Shell's upstream busi-

nesses are not replacing the oil and gas pumped out of the ground at an ever more rapid rate and the whole operation is earning a mea-

gre return of 10.6 per cent. The increased payout looks defensive rather than an emblem of confidence and will take up more than 70 per cent of earnings.

Philips

THE only disappointment in Philips's results was the performance of the consumer electronics sector, where sales rose slightly but operating income plummeted.

Phillips put most of the blame on the continued weakness in its Grundig unit, which was hit by low demand and continuing price pressure in Europe. Fortunately for Philips, and for its shareholders, it is already doing something about the loss-making Grundig. Earlier this month it planned to lay off some 3,000 workers. about a quarter of its staff. Philips also said that from next year it will no longer automatically plug Grundig's losses. It has done so since 1984 because of an agreement struck with the Grundig family in exchange heir 32 per cent stake.

Timmer, Philips's rman, said yesterday, at last results announcebefore he stands down

in October, that Grundig may break even next year. Failure will leave Philips with a stark choice. It will have to sell the Grundig

YIELDING TO THE PRESSURE

Mersey Docks

stake, or it will have to once

again move production out of

expensive Germany and into

other, cheaper, countries.

However good Philips's re-

sults in other areas, it cannot

go on reporting disasters in a

WITHOUT the labour dispute, Mersey Docks shares would be a strong buy. Ton-nage figures released yesterday indicate that the port is bustling and, but for the sixweek shutdown, container traffic would have been up 14per cent, because of two new customers.

Port traffic gently grows with the rate of increase in GDP, but the real story behind the growth of the larger ports groups is the gradual takeover of business from

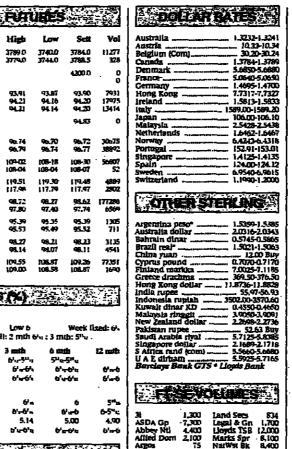
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developments with customers. Britain is overserved with small ports, but the abolition of the Dock Labour Scheme has enabled the large ports, such as Southampton and Liverpool, to invest in new terminals and build storage facilities for customers.

Mersey Docks invested E42 million last year in its ports, including phase one of the Sheerness produce terminal. The new facilities at Medway showed up at once in a boost in fruit tormages. More investment is planned at Liverpool, including a new terminal for Irish Sea traffic at Trafalgar Docks.

The strike has enabled Mersey Docks to improve productivity at its container terminal, an unfortunate irony for the sacked dockers. Earnings could grow in double digits this year, and Mersey Docks is hoping its former employees may still take the settlement on offer. The shares are worth buying.

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No frying toright

IT EEMS the British are no ready for upmarket fis and chips. While Harry Ramsden's Yorkshire hporium goes from rength to strength, a restaurant selling a rather posher version of the nationa) dish — complete with Japanese sauces and sundried tomatoes - has

closed after six months. M. Fish was based within sight of Tower Bridge and just round the corner from the World Trade Centre. Alas, despite hiring the respected chef An-lon Mosimann as a consultant, M Fish suf-

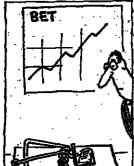
fered from cruel press reviews and poor evening trade. Those City types just don't seem to want fancy

A health matter

IF YOU bank at NatWest's Harley Street branch, I trust you are healthy and like a walk. After 74 years. NatWest is to close its branch at 154 Harley Street and transfer all business and client operations to 10 Marylebone High Street NatWest says it's all to do with economies, and that the Marylebone branch is "no more than half a mile

Strike a light

GUESTS at Ronson's centenary party at Bibendum last night had their dreams come true. The James Dean lookalike leather-clad hunk, astride a Hariev Davidson, whose picture had adorned the invitations that chief executive Howard Hodgson sent out to his bash, was, there ... in the flesh. The hunk was none other than Howard Hodgson Junior. 22, Ronson's international had lit up the cigarette dangling from his lips with one of daddy's lighters for the invitation photograph.



Farmyard facts

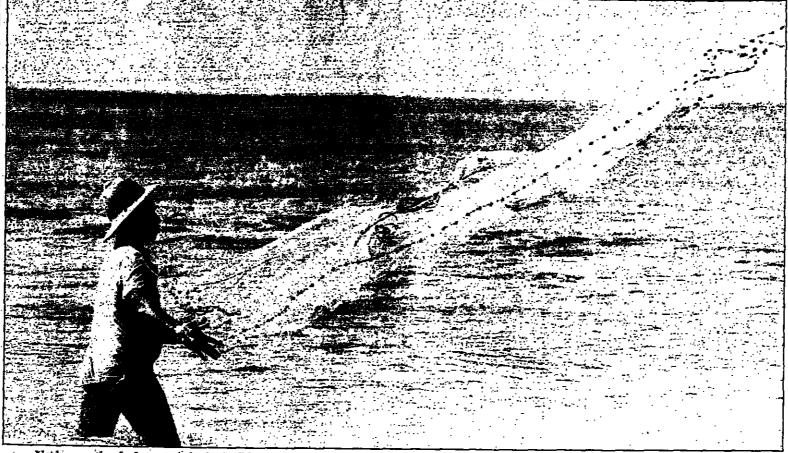
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LIES, damned lies and porkies? January's inflation news may have been good, but the Central Statistical Office offered dark warnings yesterday that we are about to be caught in a vicious hog cycle. Bacon prices are rising sharply because the Japanese are buying Danish rashers. Animal husbandry may be unfamiliar ground to Jon McGinty, the CSO's retail prices expert, but he also solemnly explained that the hot summer weather had put sows off their boars, and there are very few piglets around this spring.

Shell in tune

music with environmental themes has caught up with Shell, the oil company, Asjournalists entered Shell's press conference auditorium, yesterday, decked out in harsh 1960s red and yellow velour, they were greeted with the dreamy sound of Enya singing ... The Memory of Trees.

investment banking board, has been promoted to the post of UK country head.



Net loss: casting for barracuda in the Caribbean - investigators want the net tightened around foreign illegals who take sanctuary in island states

Lax laws of 'sunshine states' allow criminals a life of ease

Robert Miller reports on hindrances that

blunt the fight against international crime

tions in different countries to not only

know their client but to know where the

money comes from and how it was

earned. In Britain, for example, any

suspicious transactions must be report-

that money being lodged in numer-ous small "friendly" island states

around the world is not checked out.

even though there is ample evidence

to say that it is the proceeds of a

criminal act, whether from drugs,

bank robberies or other types of

Chris Dickson and Patricia Howse, two of the SFO's most senior

lawyers, believe that they are having

to drop potential prosecutions because small island states are

Law-enforcement officers believe

ed to the authorities.

international fraud.

nternational fraudsters are enjoy-ing the fruits of their crimes in some of the world's most pleasant sun-spots. They are doing so safe in the knowledge that, even though law-enforcement officers know who they are and what they have done, they

are powerless to do anything about it.
This week, in an interview with The Times, senior officials from the Serious Fraud Office expressed their concern that efforts to prosecute criminals and choke off the proceeds of their ill-gotten gains are being hampered by many small island states, from the Caribbean to the Pacific.

The SFO and other international agencies such as the FBI, interpol and the Financial Action Task Force, to which 26 Governments, including the United Kingdom, are signatories, believe that many island authorities are deliberately making it harder for investigators to gather evidence needed to secure a prosecution.

The example quoted most often is that of the Seychelles and its Economic Development Act (EDA), which has been dubbed a "mineylaunderers' charter. Investigators say that the Seychelles legislation, which has the personal backing and involvement of President Albert Rene, is hindering their efforts to cut that they will get be off the flow of hundreds of billions of youd tracing the pounds from the proceeds of money to an opaque organised crime that circulates trust or bank account. round the international money system every year.

Critics of the EDA claim that for a fee of \$10 million, criminals, including UK citizens, will be given diplomatic status in the Seychelles and a guarantee that their assets will be protected if any foreign authority tries to seize or even trace them. One way of squeezing money-laundering out of the system is for

deliberately putting obstacles in their way. They say that in some

cases a request for can take two years or more, and even then there is no guarantee To gain access to vital evidence many

Commonwealth countries require that criminal proceedings have been commenced before consideration can be given to providing evidence. But without such evidence it is often impossible to mount a prosecution.

Result? "The crooks go free," says Mr

Dickson. One of the reasons that criminals have had to move their money to more exotic locations is the success that a series of treaties and conventions have had in driving money-laundering out of Europe. Even Switzerland, for example, is far less secretive than it was although securing evidence can still be very time-consuming and more laborious than it needs to be.

One possible new weapon that could be added to the SFO's armoury is a "Hearsay Act", which is being considered by the Law Commission. This would allow statements taken from witnesses overseas to become admissible evidence in a UK court.

What has hampered progress in forging closer ties with Caribbean islands is antiquated legislation. Also, it is not possible Commonwealth

Dependent Territories the grounds that the Queen is head of state in both cases, and she cannot make a cooperation treaty with herself. The same principle applies also the Channel Islands.

Dianne Stafford, assistant director of the legal and constitutional affairs department of the Commonwealth Secretariat, believes that the next major issue to be addressed

by many members is how developed countries can help the smaller, less developed economies to provide better co-operation in fighting money-

She says: "It is important that there is a more concerted effort to beat the money-launderers. But in many cases we are talking about governments struggling with how to build a viable economy that will sustain development. If these countries do not have natural resources they are almost certain to turn to areas such as the financial services industry. Most island states around the world have also been the victims of fraud."

Ms Stafford also points out that in many cases there is neither the personnel nor sufficient resources to tackle sophisticated money-launderers. She believes that if the fight against the fraudsters is to be more effective on the international stage then the developed countries will have to help the island states develop more robust regulatory

There is no doubt that fraud agencies have developed much closer ties with each other. On that level co-operation and the exchange of useful information between police officers, lawyers and forensic accountants about criminal activities is far better than was the case say ten, or even five, years ago. But there is still a long way to go at government level in the different countries and further legislation is still needed to strengthen the hand of the fraudbusters.

While the fraudbusters are re stricted in chasing criminals to other jurisdictions, the crooks simply pack their bags and jet off on the next plane to a suitably sunny and welcoming clime.

Without adequate powers, "it is a downward spiral of dirty money". Mr Dickson says.

Gatecrashers ready to spoil MAI's party

Eric Reguly says the Hollick-Stevens marriage could end before a honeymoon

The proposed £3 billion merger between MAJ and United News & Media is anything but certain. The deal, according to senior investment bankers. is just waiting to be spoiled. Said one Everyone in the how to break this thing up. I give the merger no better than a 50-50 chance of going

the opportunity is too good to pass up. MAI and United unveiled their surprise marriage last week. Their idea is to create a media conglomerate, with interests ranging from the Anglia and Meridian ITV franchises, held by MAI, to the Daily Express and Sun-

ahead." Even Granada.

which just acquired Forte in

a £3.8 billion hostile take-

over, is wondering whether

day Express under United's The trigger was the Broadcasting Bill, now making its way through Parliament, which will relax many of the restrictions on crossmedia ownership, allowing

the formation of media groups with enough bulk to compete with the likes of Walt Disney, which recently bought America's ABC-TV network, and

Time Warner,

which is nego-

tiating to buy Ted Turner's US cable empire. But the have control over their merger was criticised as a defensive move.

On their own, MAI and United were thought to be sitting ducks. United was approached late last year by several investment groups keen to buy its struggling Express titles; MAI was considered undervalued.

A closer examination of the deal calls the whole "synergy" argument pro-moted by Lords Hollick and Stevens, chiefs of MAI and United respectively, into question. While there may be some benefit in having ITV companies and newspapers under one roof, the gains from adding exhibitions and money-broking business to the mix are unclear. Yet newspapers and TV would account for only 44 per cent of the combined group's annual revenues of £1.9 billion.

The merger appears to have no immediate benefit to investors in either com-

THE GREAT SHAREHOLDER

GIVEAWAY

pleied though a share swap, shareholders receive no cash and are being offered no premium. Why, then, should they resist a counter-

Who might ride to the rescue of these shareholders? Cariton Communications, led by Michael Green, remains the top candidate. He broke short a Caribbean holiday last week to consider launching a bid for either. Under Takeover Panel rules, Mr Green has 60 days from Tuesday this week, when MAI and United posted their merger document, to make up his mind.

The obstacles to buying MAI, however, are considerable. Cariton and MAI together would control slightly less than 15 per cent of the TV viewing audience the limit to be imposed by the Broadcasting Bill - but would run into trouble with the Office of Fair Trading over their much higher percentage of ITV advertising. Carlton gave the OFT an

would control no more than the advertising **6** Everyone in market. An identical dertaking was looking at how might be able to find a way to to break this "ring fence" thing up 9 panies so it is

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deemed not to adverstising income. Alterset up a separate company. one that would have to be more than half owned by a non-media company, to bid for MAI.

If those options failed to clear the regulatory minefield, Carlton could bid for United instead. Industry insiders think Mr Green would welcome the opportunity to reverse the declining fortunes of the Express The risks are high, but

Carlton is under pressure to make a big move. Granada stole the limelight when it bought Forte in January: MAI did the same with its proposed merger with United and the subsequent announcement that it is to build a £225 million filminspired theme park in west London in partnership with Warner Bros. The TV industry is consolidating quickly and Mr Green has to decide whether he can afford to sit

BUSINESS LETTERS

chase costs.

Let private sector coal industry compete on even terms

room to buy it, and British

Gas and others would not

have to dump gas by selling at prices well below their pur-

Scaling back of gas contract

volumes would also encour-

Sir, The Government's decision not to opt for a gas levy to bail out an ailing British Gas has to be good news for the coal mining industry. We have been arguing that such a levy would not have corrected the basic flaw in the gas market. The gas industry has still to find a solution to the fundamental problem to meet gas

contracted under long-term take-or-pay contracts. This contractual stranglehold restricts the option for competition in gas supplies and has knock-on implications for coal Rather than a gas levy, or renegotiation of contract prices as suggested by others, we believe that the best solution would be scaling back of the take-or-pay obligations in these anti-competitive contracts. The problem is one of volume — not of price. Under out proposals, customers would be able to benefit from

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electricity at a higher cost than existing coal-fired stations can achieve on compenitive and sustainable UK coal. We estimate that the cost of produc-ing electricity from these gas stations is 50 per cent higher than the electricity from exist-

ing coal-fired stations. However, the take or pay contracts force the gas stations to run in preference to their cheaper coal competitors. In recent days we have seen that gas supplies to many of these stations have been interany cheap gas available since rupted by British Gas, just at

they would have the head- the time when the power was most needed. Coal plants are required to hold minimum fuel stocks; so why aren't gas stations? The value of flexible. reliable and economic coal plant that has helped keep the lights on should not be understated.

age coal-on-gas competition in All we seek is that the the electricity market. The "dash for gas" power stations that were ordered between 1990 and 1994 will produce private sector coal industry be given the opportunity to compete on a fair and level playing field so that Britain's 22 million electricity users can share in the benefits of a competitive and reliable source of energy that will be available for generations to come. Yours faithfully, R. J. BUDGE, President

The Confederation of United Kingdom Coal Producers. Confederation House, Thornes Office Park, Denby Dale Road, West Yorkshire.

It's not a laugh

Sir. Most of the pictures I have seen of Mr Gerry Robinson during the battle for Forte have shown him laughing heartily.
Surely the breaking up of a

business carefully built up since 1935 is no laughing

I hope that Sir Rocco and his colleagues will be able to buy back the notels they want. The only trouble is, this will make the huge fees, payable by both sides to their advisers, look even more ridiculous.

I wonder what Ms Galley would have to say about that! Yours faithfully. A. J. DORMAŃ. 38 Kew Green, Richmond, Surrey.

Letters to the

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ability to honour its word. A question of consolation over Lloyd's building

Sir, As a long-suffering — and now non-underwriting member of Lloyd's of London, I have long consoled myself in the midst of my disasters with the thought that whatever my personal financial problems I at least retained the social cachet of being the owner of however infinitesimal a part of what is, without any possibiliry of a peradventure, the most hideous building in the history of the world.

News, February 5) that it has been sold - for less than it cost, naturally, for what else would one expect from the collective genius that has inspired Lloyd's over the last 20

What is left of consolation HUW GRIFFITH, Foys, Popham,

Yours faithfully. R. L SIMPSON, Chartfield. Park View Road Buy a new home at a discount; fornish it and install a new kitchen with noney-off to shareholders. And to celebrate moving in, toast the new home with champagne bought at a special rate.

Or how about buying a car with a shareholders' offer? The maintenance comes with money off, too - for new tyres, even for cleaning it.

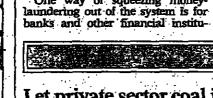
Offers such as these - plus lots more - are available to the shareholders of the UK's quoted companies. And in this week's issue of investors Chronicle, we look at everything that's available.

thousands, shareholder perks are well worth knowing about. We'll tell you which companies offer the best deals, what rewards can be had for even a tiny investment, and - most important nowadays whether the perks are available to

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THE fashion for New Age Cold comfort From J. P. Read Kaletsky's article ("Seismic shift over growth". January 30), I wonder how many people will be comforted by the thought that the extent to which they have been finan-

Flying high

SBC WARBURG has appointed a replacement for Derek Higgs, the high-flying corporate financier who - after a brief holiday in Europe — jets off to join the Pru at the end of the month. Stephen Latner, a member of SBC Warburg's

COLIN CAMPBELL

This clearly requires an understandiing of economic Sir, Following Mr Anatole fundamentals and the willingness and ability to put those into practice in its government

of the country.
Unless the laws of a country are soundly based and its finances soundly managed its economy will inevitably be damaged, land and/or labour not being properly employed, and the people suffering the consequences. Yours faithfully. J. P. READ.

their funds in a strong curren-cy or bonds will consider that that governments must do MMC referral?

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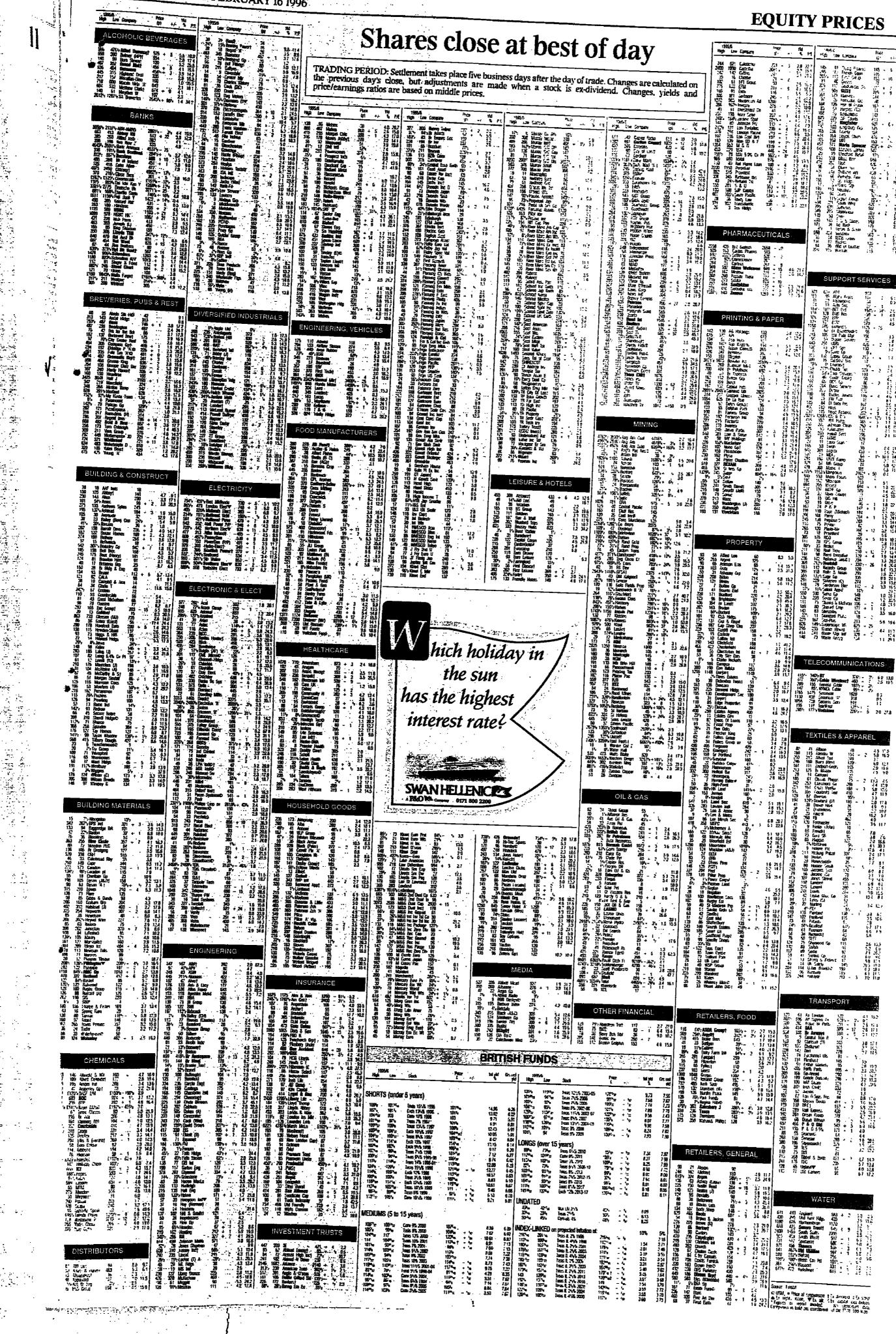
the Granada bid for Forte, and also on previous successful bids, should not the takeover be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission (MMC), or the OFT?

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Belief that exports were for civil purpose was a 'Nelsonian use of the blind eye'

The moral case must be set

against damage to

British economic interests

from the summary of Sir Richard Scott's renort:

Over the period from the ceasefire in August 1988 to the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait in August 1990 there was a relaxation in Government policy on the export of defence equipment and dual-use goods to Iraq. Policy on the export of lethal equipment remained unaftered. Applications for licences to export lethal equipment to Iraq were hardly ever made. When they were, they were refused. But the position regarding defence equipment not falling into the 'lethal" category and regarding dual-use equipment was

As to both non-lethal defence equipment and dual-use goods, of which machine tools and their accessories constirute the most important example, restrictions on exports to Iraq (and Iran) were still maintained. But the restrictions applied to Iraq were not the same as those which had been announced in 1985 and had been in force up to the

Shortly after the ceasefire a policy under which more liberal restrictions would be applied was discussed and formulated and from February 1989 (on a trial basis) or April 1989 (on a confirmed basis), the new relaxed formulation was applied to exports to Iraq. The execution of Mr Bazoft in March 1990 provoked a decision to return to a stricter policy towards Iraq. In June and July 1990 a review of export policy to Iraq and Iran took place and resulted in a decision, reached in mid July 1990, to abandon the special restrictions on exports to Iraq of non-lethal defence equipment and of dual-use goods.

Throughout the period August 1988 to August 1990 restrictions were applied to the export of chemicals and of equipment with potential for the manufacture of chemical weapons or for use in connection with the deployment of those weapons. In addition, restrictions necessary for comON OTHER PAGES

MI6 failure. Waldegrave cleared. Peter Riddell Leading article Workers' price

the NNPT and MTCR were applied.
Over the period August 1988

to August 1990 there was, in relation to the export to Iraq of machine tools, a continuing tension between the FCO and the DTI. The DTI was consistently unsympathetic to restrictions on the export to Iraq of standard machine tools and their accessories. The basic reasons for the DTI attitude were twofold. First, the sale to Iraq of machine tools was of importance to the survival of the machine tool industry in the West Midlands. An inabilthreaten the survival of leading machine tool manufacturers. of whom Matrix Churchill

It was feared that the collapse of any of these companies would lead to a loss of jobs in an area where unemployment was already a seritherefore, every reason for the DTI to be anxious to promote the well being of the machine tool manufacturers. Second, the DTI was not persuaded that any important practical benefit could be achieved by refusing the export from the United Kingdom of machine

tools to Iraq.
The refusal would not deprive Iraq of the machine tools, Iraq would simply obtain the desired machine tools from manufacturers, trade rivals of the British companies, in other countries. The British exporters would suffer the detriment of loss of business. which would be taken up by foreign trade rivals, with no effect on Iraq save, perhaps, some marginal differences in

was concerned with the political and presentational consequences of the sale to Iraq of the machine tools. The likelihood, if not the certainty, of many of the machine tools ending up in munitions or armaments factories was known. The political implications of Britain providing the means for Iraq to build up an indigenous armaments manufacturing facility were viewed with an understandable apprehension. The inclination within the FCO throughout the period was, therefore, to oppose the export of machine tools with a potential for the

The MOD's de facto role in resolving differences between

The tension between FCO and the DTI was mirrored, within the MOD, by a not dissimilar tension between DESO, on the one hand, and the branches of the MOD with

vice on the military potential of exports including the DIS, on the other. DESS filled the role of "honest brokers" in trying to resolve these tensions, but seem when doing so generally to have tended to favour DESO, a tendency which became the stronger when Mr Clark became the Minister (DP). Throughout the period

on my assessment, powerful

The FCO, on the other hand,

manufacture of armaments.

important. At the official level, the MODWG consistently recommended refusal of licences for machine tool exports to Hutteen and Nassr. These recommendations, which accorded with the FCO's inclination, were generally accepted by the IDC. At the ministerial level, however, after Mr Clark succeeded Lord Trefgarne as Minister (DP), MOD support for the DTI resulted, in cases where the case for refusal was not clear cut, in the FCO's inclination for the refusal of licences being overridden.

not explicit

The Scott report: hundreds of pages detailing the inquiry's findings on the Government's role and responsibilities in the arms-to-Iraq affair under review, there were no applications for the export of machine tools to Iraq in which the purpose for which the machines would be used was explicitly stated to be the manufacture of armaments. If there had been any such application, it would have been refused. The DTI might have argued in favour of the export and MOD/DESO might have given support, but the arguments would not, in my view, have prevailed against FCO opposition until

If it had been known for departments that the intended use of the machine tools in Iraq was the manufacture of munitions, the position would. in my opinion, have been the same. The DTI would, I think, still have argued in favour of the export but the FCO would not have given way and, subject to a review of policy by senior ministers, would, I believe, have prevailed.

the review of policy in July

1990 had cleared the way.

In the event, in none of the applications for export licences made by the machine tool manufacturers was it

stated that the intended use of the machines in question was the production of ammunition or armaments. In nearly all the applications the stated intended use was couched in imprecise terms, such as "general engineering". In a number of cases the DTI put questions to the manufacturers to clarify the specifications of the machines. In very few cases, however, did the DTI criticise or demand amplification of the imprecise statement of intended use contained in

easily satisfied. known to the would-be exporters that the intended use of the machines was the production of armaments or munitions. In these cases the imprecise statements in the application forms constituted a deliberate concealment of the known intended use. This deceptive, practice was attributable in part to the belief by the manufacturers that they had been encouraged by Mr Alan Clark, in his remarks to them on 20 January 1988, to stress,

when applying for licences,

the potential civil purposes to which the machines could be put. The deceptive practice was attributable also to a belief by the manufacturers that Government was aware that the likely use of the machines would be munitions

Intelligence overlooked production and was complacent about that possibility. the application forms. When Within the three licensing they did ask, they were very departments, the argument as

whether or not export should be granted was conducted on the basis that the use of the machines for armaments production was possible but not certain. The degree of believed likelihood varied from time to time. This basis of discussion was, having regard to the volume of intelligence regarding the like-ly or intended use of the machines, a false one.

In relation to some machines, the content of the available intelligence left no room for doubt about the This was so of the machine tools to which the Intelligence Report of 30 November 1987 related, of the machine tools comprised in the Cardoen contracts, of the ABA machine tools (at least at the time when the revalidation application was being considered), and of the machine tools destined for

Project 1728. In the case of the machine tools to which the 30 November 1987 Report related, the exports were allowed to proceed for, mainly, source protection reasons, notwithstanding knowledge by

intended use. In relation to the other machine tools, the relevant intelligence, although available, was overlooked and not taken into account in the discussions. Some of the relevant items of intelligence had been distributed to the licensing departments but those involved in the licensing decisions had either forgotten about the intelligence or had not had their attention drawn to the items. Many items of intelligence had not been distributed to the licensing departments at all. Some items had been circulated within MOD/DIS but had not reached the DIS desk with responsibility for export li-

censing advice.
In addition to intelligence directed to specific machine tools or specific Iraqi projects. there was an ever increasing volume of intelligence from which the Iraqi concentration on building up an indigenous arms production industry was apparent. Individual items of intelligence taken in isolation might have been passed off as inconclusive.
The cumulative volume of

intelligence could not be so passed off. By November 1989. at latest, the probability that machine tools destined for Nassr would be used for military production purposes had become so strong that a professed reliance on the possibility of use in civil production and on the lack of certainty of an intended will certainty of an intended mili-tary use had become, in my opinion, equivalent to the Nelsonian use of the blind eye. But this, of course, assumes that the user of the telescope had been made aware of the relevant intelligence. It is probably true that no one person was familiar with all the accumulated intelligence until, in June 1990, the JIC made the assessment that was required for the purposes of

The failure of the licensing departments to make effective use of available intelligence was compounded by the failure of certain SIS officers to draw attention to inaccurate statements about current intelligence contained in submissions made by FCO officials to FCO ministers.

The relative lack of interest within SIS in Iraqi procurement diverted to conventional weapons and munitions, as opposed to weapons of mass destruction, was itself a prodor the SIS by the IIC. It was an attitude shared with many sections of government, for example, SEND in the FCO. Mr Alan Clark made no secret of the clear distinction he drew between conventional weapons and weapons of mass

vent Iraq from obtaining the former would, in the absence of an internationally agreed embargo, be bound to fail. A unilateral embargo would merely prejudice British exporters. Attempts to prevent Iraq from obtaining weapons of mass destruction, on the other hand, had, via the NNPT and the MTCR, significant international support and

Accordingly, although it was clear government policy that exports to Iraq of any weapons, conventional or othand although the logic of this policy might be thought to demand a refusal to license the export to Iraq of machines intended for the manufacture of weapons, conventional or otherwise, there was, in my opinion, a lack of conviction shared by many sections of government in the value of or need for this policy in so far as standard machine tools, and other goods freely obtainable from other western countries, were concerned. I believe it was this lack of conviction that ied the DTI, supported by the MOD, to regard the prohability of an intended military use as insufficient to justify the refusal of export licences for the machine tools.

have already commented on the divergence between actual policy on exports to Iraq and government statements of policy made in the period August 1988 to August 1990. Government's actual policy was well capable of being supported in argument. The utility of unilateral export restrictions was, and is, open

to serious question. The moral case for refusing to allow weapons and defencerelated goods to be freely exported to a country under a regime such as Iraq under Saddam Hussein is to be set against the ability of Iraq to obtain the goods from other countries and the damage to British economic interests likely to be caused by the

Iragi atrocities against Kurds

unilateral restrictions. But the failure of government to be forthcoming in its public state-ments about its export policy to traq precluded a public debate on this important issue taking place on an informed basis. Parliament and the public were designedly led to believe that a stricter polcy towards non-lethal defence exports and dual-use exports to lraq was being applied than was in fact the case.

The following extracts are from the main body of the

Over the period February 1989 to July 1989, a number of letters, signed mainly by Mr Waldegrave but a few by Lord Howe, were sent to MPs whose contituents had asked questions about government policy on defence sales to Irad The questions had been prompted by a variety of concerns. The concerns covered specific military exports to Iraq, Iraqi atrocities against the Kurds, Iraqi

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'I do not think there is anything sinister in this'



'I am justified in saying there was no change in policy and therefore no anything in Parliament'

William Waldegrave September 22 1993



'I realised this was a can of worms'

Lt-Col Richard Glazebrook, MoD. Telling inquiry Whitehall ignored Iraq's military buildир. May 11 1993



'Slightly Alice in

Wonderland: Mr

Waldegrave saying

because something

was not announced it

could not have

happened'

Alan Clark

December 13 1993

'There are circumstances in which . . . it is justified to give an answer that falls short of the whole truth'

Sir Robin Butler, Cabinet Secretary, Feb 9 1994



'The extent to which

a parliamentary

answer should be

full, half full or empty

is up to the minister

David Gore-Booth.

Ambassador to

Britain lives or dies by trade and has to maintain markets in some dodgy

David Mellor, former Foreign Office Minister, September 21 1993



'In the Matrix

Churchill case it

would have been

terrible if a defendant

had gone to jail as a

result of non-

The charge was that because I had been Chancellor, Foreign Secretary, Prime Minister, I must have known what was

going on' John Major January 17 1994



to tell you that truth is a very difficult concept. Many-faceted.'

ian McDonaid, MoD official, October 26 1993



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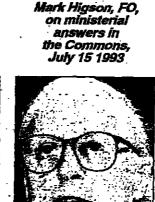
a copy of every document made in my Government, I'd have been in a snow storm'

Baroness Thatcher December 8 1993



'I do not think there is anything very

Richard Luce, Foreigh Office



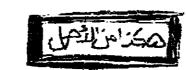
'it was a sham and a

contributory reason as to why I left the

Foreign Office'

sinister in all this!

Minister 1983-85 and Scott's first Witness, May 4 1993



The inquisitor and the 'hit-woman' who made ministers squirm in relentless quest for the truth

Determined Scott braved critics' wounding blows

WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

eye,

SIR RICHARD SCOTT has been stonig by criticism of his methods. He was accused of acting as "detective, inquisitor, advocate and judge by the former Foreign Secretary Lord Howe of Aberavon who argued that the inquiry was a breach of natural justice because witnesses were not cross-examined.

After the collapse of the Matrix Churchill trial in Mutrix Churchill trial in November 1992, the Opposition suggested that the inquiry should be carried out under the Tribunals of Inquiry (Evidence) Act 1921. This would have allowed full representation by coursel for resentation by counsel for

The Government rejected this but otherwise gave Sir Richard free rein in determining the nature of the inquiry. He was to be allowed to mvite such witnesses as he saw fit and to decide the extent to which he sat in Jublic. The procedures he adopted were "to a considerable extent" for the judge to decide, Sir Nicholas Lyell, the Attorney-General, told MPs at the time. Sir Richard

believes that representation. by lawyers would have taken. up too much time and made the inquiry more adversarial. His team points out that witnesses were advised by counsel and granted immunity from prosecution. Civil servants were promised they would face neither disciplinary action nor damage to their careers.

John Major publicly de-fended the judge's methods. After Lord Howe launched his first attack on Scott when giving evidence to the inquiry in January 1994, the Prime Minister told the Commons It was the Government who set up the inquiry and gave Lord Justice Scott the freedom to pursue it as he thinks fit. I have no adverse comments to make on the way he is doing it."

It is no surprise, then, that Sir Richard cannot wait to get back to "real life". When he accepted the appointment in November 1992, he thought that the job would probably last a year to 18 months. Since October 1994, he has been juggling his administra-

is sitting on the bench. While he was working on the report he managed just three days in two banking cases. That his report has taken so long is down to his own precision, his close attention

tive duties as Vice-Chancellor

at the High Court with finish-

ing the report. What he really

enjoys most, say his friends.

to detail and his scrupulous belief in fairness. No doubt he could have produced a less comprehensive - and less fair - report before now. But he was determined to be thorough and avoid providing the inquiry's detractors with any ammunition His critics, whose motive has been to undermine the

report even before it was completed, have dismissed him as a vain publicity seeker, a meddler who enjoys the limelight too much. There are some in Whitehall who, in the cosy atmosphere of their chibs, will even mutter the words "class traitor" and ask darkly: "Whatever happened to positive vetting?" Those who know him well

find the critcisms difficult to

man who loves horses, enjoys bridge and who turned up on the morning he was to question Baroness Thatcher in a cloth cap and riding a Ra-leigh Falcon bicycle. He leigh Falcon bicycle. He looked as if he was off to the village fête rather than to take on the most powerful prime minister of modern times.

Sir Richard, 61, was born in India, where his father was an officer in the Gurkha Rifles, but he was moulded in South Africa and at Cambridge, where he was a rugby Blue. Despite such an Estab lishment background, however, there is something of the unconventional about him.

litigation over the publication of Spycatcher, he made the landmark ruling that ministers could not gag Peter Wright, the book's author, a former M15 officer. in a phrase that should

have alerted the Government to the kind of man it was putting in charge of the armsto-Iraq inquiry, Sir Richard said that press freedom to report allegations of scandal in government was "one of the bulwarks of our democra-



Sir Richard, tiding to work on his Raleigh Falcon

Lawyer made her point with rapier

PRESILEY BAXENDALE was swiftly dubbed "Scott's hit-woman" after clashes with ministers. Ms Baxendale, 44, is renowned for her giggle but is a tough, clinical, fearless interrogator - as witnesses from Prime Ministers to middle-ranking civil servants discovered.

The result of her exchanges with Baroness Thatcher were judged to be a score draw. At one point Lady Thatcher could not conceal her irritation at being asked the same question "again and again and again". But that is the Baxendale style: meticulous sifting of the evidence and returning to consider the point from every angle. She tied William Walde-

grave in knots, leading him to comment at one point: "There is a misunderstanding here, an understandable misunderstanding," He was afterwards reported to have found her style of questioning "offensive". Tim Renton. the former Foreign Office Miruster, said that he felt "drained" by his inquisition.

Sir Louis Blom-Cooper, QC, who has worked closely with Ms Baxendale, said: "She has a deceptive nice-

reason to believe, on the

advice I received at the time,

or the documentation I have

subsequently seen, that there

was any shift away from the

intrinsic impartiality in the 1984 Guidelines, in terms of

making sure that the Govern-

ment was imparital in not

aiding one side against the

other in the prosecution of the

war or the enhancement of its

military capability post-war."

in any event, the briefing

was directed to the Hawk

project and, as with Mrs Thatcher, I do not find it very



Presiley Baxendale

ness. People are led down the garden path thinking how nice she is. Then suddenly they find a rapier stuck between their ribs.

The daughter of a sweet manufacturer, she studied law at Oxford and was called to the Bar in 1974 after a brief spell teaching. She made her name in a series of child abuse cases, including the public inquiry into the death of Jasmine Beckford. She and her husband Richard Fitzgerald, a tax barrister. have two children and homes in Regent's Park and Sussex.

Her unusual first name is understood to have come about after her parents saw the name on a cup bought by

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human rights violations in general, British participation at the Baghdad International Military Fair (which was held. from 29 April to 2 May), the British participation at the British Aerospace proposal to sell Hawk Trainer Aircraft to Iraq as well as general apprehension about the sales of arms and defence equipment to the Middle East.

A form of response to be incorporated in the letters sent to the MPs in question was settled in the FCO. The response included the following two sentences (or the gist of

"British arms supplies to Iran and Iraq continue to be governed by the strict application of guidelines which pre-vent the supply of lethal equipment or equipment which would significantly en-hance the capability of either These guidelines are applied on a case by case basis."

Letters to MPs incorporating these sentences and signed by Mr Waldegrave numbered some seven in March 1989, five in April, 23 in May, one in June and two in July. Lord Howe signed two similar letters in May and two in July. In one of the April letters and in each of the May, June and July letters the formula was preceded by the statement that: The Government have not changed their policy on defence sales to Iraq or Iran."

In one letter there was a reference to "our firm and even-handed position over arms sales to Iran and Iraq." The reference in each of these letters to the criterion that governed the supply of non-lethal defence equipment to Iraq was not accurate. Since the end of February 1989 the criterion for Iraq had been the new formulation, namely, that there would be no supply of equipment which would be of direct and significant assistance to Iraq in the conduct of offensive operations in breach of the ceasefire. The inaccura-

has a reason

cy should have been noticed by Mr Waldegrave, who had been one of the midwives at the birth of this new formulation. Lord Howe, on the other hand, had not been informed of the junior minister's agreement on the new formulation.

not changed their policy on delence sales to Iraq or Iran" was untrue. After the ceasefire Lord Howe had advocated, and the Prime Minister, with the concurrence of senior ministers, had accepted, that a more liberal policy, designed to enable British exporters to take advantage of the glitterbelieved would be available,

implemented on a trial basis. The proposed new policy, although reversed for Iran following the Rushdie affair, was continued for Iraq and finally confirmed at the April 24, 1989, ministers meeting and in the correspondence that followed.

signed these letters, he did not regard the agreement he had reached with his fellow ministers as having constituted a change in policy towards Iraq. In his evidence to the inquiry. he strenuously and consistently asserted his belief, in the face of a volume of, to my mind, overwhelming evidence I did not receive the impression of any insincerity on his part in giving me the evidence he did. But it is clear, in my

the Government was dated April 17. Mr Waldegrave has

Statement in letters untrue

Fatwah and the execution of Mr Bazoft did not detract from

has pursued a policy of impartiality as the most effective way to promote a peaceful settlement in the Gulf. As a result, the Foreign Secretary announced in the House of Commons on October 29, 1985, a set of ministerial guidelines limiting defence sales to Iran and Iraq. These specifically prohibit the sale of any lethal equipment or any defencerelated equipment which could significantly enhance the capability of either side to prolong or exacerbate the con-flict. All applications for export licences for defence equipment to Iran or Iraq continue to be scrutinised rigorously to ensure that they fall within these guidelines. These restrictions on defence sales are kept under constant review, and are applied in the light of prevailing circumstances, including the cease-

Mr Waldegrave, in his written evidence to the inquiry,

COUNTDOWN TO INQUIRY

Iranian prisoners of war being held in Iraq the conflict is estimated to have claimed one million lives

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Steadman, head of export

licensing at the DTI, rings

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Later: Alan Clark meets

the manufacturers and tells

them he is reversing Mr Steadman's decision. Present

is Mark Gutteridge, sales director of Matrix Churchill

and an MIS informer. Mr

Clark encouraged the firms to

seen event that was the

Fatwah led, inter alia, to a

stricter policy on arms sales

being applied to Iran than was

applied to Iraq: This differen-

tial policy was already being

implemented by April 17. I

could well understand that the

reference in the letter to Mr

Curry to the "even-handed

position? may have been an

overlooked refugee from a

common form sentence that

would, two months earlier.

have been unexceptional. But

the proposition that on April

17, the date of the letter, it was

a true statement is not, in my

letters to MPs, responding to

constituents' queries about the-

Government's attitude to the

Hawk project, were sent by

Mr Waldegrave. Typical of

these letters is his letter date

August 10, 1939, written to Mr

Tom Sackville MP. The letter

said this: "Since the beginning

of the conflict between Iran

In August 1989 a number of

opinion, remotely arguable.

been agreed.

seems to me impossible to reconcile with Mr Waldegrave's statement in his letter of March 28, 1989, that "we agreed in February to interpret the export guidelines more flexibly so as to refuse orders for non-lethal equipment only if they would be of direct and significant assistance to either side in the conduct of offensive weapons in breach of the ceasefire", and with his statement in his letter of April 27, 1989, that "we agreed (at the April 24 meeting) that we would continue to interpret the guidelines more flexibly in respect of Iraq, as we have done in practice since the end of last year . . . ". In addition, the natural

implication from the reference in the August letters to the "policy of impartiality" would be that that policy had continued up to the date of the letter and was continuing. This, for the reasons I have already given, was, if applied to defence sales, untrue. The conother two from Mr Major, as Foreign Secretary. Each letter was a response to a query about government policy on the proposed sale of Hawk aircraft to Iraq. Each letter followed a draft prepared by the FCO/MED. Each letter said, also, that "since October 1985 government policy has prohibited the sale of any lethal equipment or any defence-related equipment which could significantly enhance the capability of either side to prolong or exacerbate the conflict" or words to that effect. In the case of Mrs. Thatcher's letter, the text continued: "That policy still applies." These statements were

correspondence that had led to

Thatcher put on notice

the then current policy on defence sales to Iraq and cannot be blamed for the inaccuracies. I have already dealt with the extent to which Mrs Thatcher was in a position to have identified the inaccuracies. She had received and read the MoD paper dated July 20, 1989, on the Hawk project in which reference was made to the "more flexible interpretation of the guidelines for Iraq (but not Iran . . .) and so can be said to have been placed on notice that a more liberal approach to defence sales to Iraq was being adopted than had previously been the case. But the paper had been concentrating on Hawk and I do not think Mrs Thatcher can be blamed if, when signing the letter of August 21, 1989, she did not recall the implications of the reference to the guidelines in the MoD's July 20 Hawk

Mr Major had become Foreign Secretary on July 25, 1989. and it might have been expected that, by September, he would have become aware that government policy on the export licensing of non-lethal defence equipment to Iraq was that a more liberal criterion should be applied to Iraq than to Iran, and that the more liberal criterion for Iraq was significantly different from the original 1985 (or 1984) criterion. In his evidence to the inquiry, Mr Major said that he believed throughout that the original guidelines had remained in use and that he had been "advised by those carrying out the policy at operational level that we were impartial" As to the nature of the "impartial" policy. Mr Major said: "I think the Government's approach was impartial in the sense of not aiding either side in the prosecution of the war, or subsequently no doubt in the minds of officials after the war was ended, in enhancement of military capability." However, on July 25, 1989 he received his

first brief as Foreign Secre-

tary. The brief had been

prepared by Stephen Lamport

for the purposes of an OD

committee meeting to discuss the Hawk project. Paragraph

3 of the brief said that "since

the ceasefire in August 1988,

the guidelines have been app-

lied with greater flexibility for

Iraq (but since last February,

with much greater rigidity for

Iran . . .). Our public presenta-

tion of our policy on arms

supplies to both countries has,

however, stayed broadly the

same ... "This briefing did, it

seems to me, put Mr Maior on notice that Iraq was receiving more favourable treatment than Iran so far as export licensing of defence equipment was concerned, a state of affairs that, in my opinion, calls into question a continuing stance of impartiality. In his oral evidence, Mr Major disputed this conclusion. He said: "I have no

not accurate. Mrs Chalker had taken no part in the discussions and

> surprising that Mr Major did not advert to all the implications of the briefing on other issues. I do not doubt Mr Major's evidence that he signed the letters believing the statements they contained to be accurate, but I do not accept that they were in fact accurate. In August 1989 Mr Alan Clark, who had exchanged ministerial offices with Lord Trefgarne, wrote two letters, one to Mr Richard Needham MP, the other to Sir Michael Shaw MP, containing the

same paragraphs (subject to immaterial changes) as those in Lord Trefgame's letters. Two further letters from Mr Clark, both dated 11 September 1989, also contained these paragraphs. The September letters had been written in response to

letters from constituents to their MPs expressing strong opposition to the porposal that the Government approve the sale to Iraq of Hawk aircraft. The letters had been forwarded by the MPs. Ms Dawn Primarolo and Mr Timothy Raison, to the MOD. The same criticisms apply to Mr Clark's letters as I have

made in respect of Lord Trefgarne's letters, mutatis mutandis.

The answers to PQs, in both Houses of Parliament, failed to inform Parliament of the current state of government policy on non-lethal arms sales to Iraq. This failure was deliberate and was an inevitable result of the agreement between the three junior ministers that no publicity would be given to the decision to adopt a more liberal, or relaxed, policy, or interpretation of the guidelines, originally towards both Iran and Iraq and, later, towards Iraq alone.

Having heard various explanations as to why it was necessary or desirable to withold knowledge from Parliament and the public of the true nature of the Government's approach to the licensing of non-lethal defence sales to Iran and Irao respectively. have come to the conclusion that the overriding and determinative reason was a fear of strong public opposition to the loosening of the restrictions on the supply of defence equipment to Irao and a consequential fear that the pressure of the opposition might be detrimental to British trading

The problem with the "half a picture" approach is that those to whom the incomplete statement is addressed do not know unless it is apparent from the terms of the state-

Almost bound to be misled

ment itself, that an undisclosed half is being witheld from them. They are almost bound, therefore, to be misled by the statement, norwithstanding that the "half a picture" may, so far as it goes, he accurate. The proposition is not that a statement to Parliament must include each and every fact relating to the subject in order to avoid

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The "Sheil" Transport and Trading Company, Public **Limited Company**

Final dividend 1995

Notice is hereby given that a balance of the Register will be struck on 11th April, 1996 for the preparation of warrants for a Final dividend for the year 1995 of 20.4p per 25p Ordinary Share. If approved at the Annual General Meeting to be held on 15th May, 1996 the dividend will be paid on 22nd May, 1996.

For transferees to receive this dividend, their transfers must be lodged with the Company's Registrar:- Lloyds Bank Registrars, The Causeway, Worthing, West Sussex BN99 6DA, not later than 3pm on 11th April, 1996.

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The Coupon to be presented for the above dividend will be No. 195 which must be deposited at Lloyds Bank, Registrar's Department, Issues Section, Ground Floor, P.O. Box 1000, Aritholin House, 71 Queen Street, London EC4N 1SL (not later than 11th April, 1996, to receive payment on 22nd May 1996) or may be surrendered through Messieurs Lazard Frères et Cie, 121 boulevard Haussmann. 75382, Paris Cedex 08.

> BY ORDER OF THE BOARD Miss J. E. Munsiff Secretary

Shell Centre, London SE1 7NA 15th February, 1996

Every policy

nounced in Iraq-Iran war.

December 1988: Alan Clark, then a Trade Minister, meets William Waldegrave, a Foreign Office Minister, and Lord Trefgarne, a Defence Minister, to consider how the guidelines might be relaxed. Mr. Waldegrave said afterwards that the guidelines had not been changed but a "more

The statement in the letters that "The Government have ing opportunities for defencerelated sales to Iraq that it was should gradually be adopted.

The discussions between the junior ministers, which began with correspondence in November and December with the ministerial meeting on December 21, 1988, were for the purpose of trying to formulate a new policy which would when be brought to senior ministers and the Prime Min-

ister for approval. Agreement by the junior ministers had led, by February 1989, to a new, more liberal, policy in the form of revised guideline (iii) being

Mr. Waldegrave knew, first hand, the facts that in my opinion, rendered the no change in policy statement untrue I accept that, when he

overseas and defence commit-

tee discusses "how to exploit

traces promising market for

arms exports"

1984: Foreign Office decides that Britain should not take sides in the war between

Iran and Iran and the Gov-

October 1985: Sir Geoffrey

Howe, Foreign Secretary, tells

MPs that Britain would not

approve orders for any de-

fence equipment which, in our

view, would enhance the cap-

ability of either side to pro-

long or exacerbate the

□ November 1987: first de-

tailed intelligence that British

machinery was being used by

Iraq to make weapons.

☐ February 1988: the Gov-

ernment agrees to machine-tool exports, knowing they would be used in Iraqi arms

☐ August 1988: ceasefire an-

sales to Iraq did not remain

The proposition that the

Government's position over

"arms sales to Iran and Iraq"

was "even-handed" had been

untrue ever since the decision.

taken as a consequence of the

Rushdie affair, to "return to a

more strict approach to Iran".

In his letter of March 28, 1989,

to Mr Clark, Mr Waldegrave

had proposed that "we should now revert to the stricter

implementation of the guide-

lines as applied to Iran", while

saying that he saw no reason

to change the newly agreed

"flexible approach for applica-

tions to export defence-related

equipment to Iraq. In his letter to Mr Waldegrave of April 13, Lord Trefgarne, the Minister (DP), agreed with the proposal and the MOD/FCO

agreement was put into effect by the MODWG at its meet-

ing on April 14. Mr. Waldegrave's letter suggest-

ing that an "even-handed"

position was being taken by and Iraq, the Government

factories.

unchanged.

ernment bans sale of arms.

explained that "[his] view [and the advice of his officials] was that the policy was even-handed as applied to the territorial and other ambitions of Iran and Iraq" and that particular steps taken in the area of exports in reaction to

unforeseen events such as the

the even-handedness or newtrality or impartiality applied to the two states". As to the first part of this explanation. the letter referred to the Govto the contrary, that policy on ernment's "even handed pos-defence sales to Iraq had, ition over arms sales to Iran indeed, remained unchanged, and Iran" (emphasis added); and Iraq" (emphasis added); as to the second, the explanation has, in my opinion, no substance. Every government policy is bound to have some

fire and developments in the peace negotiations ...

How lucrative market backfired large steel pipes destined for

☐ July 31, 1990: Paul Henderson of Matrix Churchill told by DTI that last batch of machine tools cleared for export. August 2, 1990: Iraq invades Kuwait.

☐ December 1990: Mr Clark summoned to see John Major and Sir Robin Butler, the Cabinet Secretary. He admits that he had advised Matrix Churchill to alter specifica-tions "so they would not be seen as suitable for military purposes".

☐ October 1990: Customs and Excise decides to prose-cute Matrix Churchill.

☐ Gerald Hosker, the Treasury Solicitor, draws up plan to use public interest immunity certificates to stop topsecret government docu-ments, including MI5 and M16 papers, being released in court.

□ November 1992: Matrix Churchill trial opens at the Old Bailey. Geoffrey Robertson, QC, persuades Judge Smedley to ignore the PII certificates and the case

prompted the letter to Mr Sackville had complained

about defence sales to Iraq.

and the reference to the policy

cuted in Iraq.

April 1990: Dr Gerald Bull. collapses. designer of Iraqi "supergun", killed outside his flat in □ November 1992: Sir Richard Scott appointed to conduct independent inquiry.

have cited was an accurate statement of government policy at the time. It was not. Government policy at the time, agreed between Mr Waldegrave and his fellow ministers, Lord Trefgarne and Mr Clark, was that the export of non-lethal defence equipment to Iraq would not be refused unless the equipment would directly assist Iraq in the conduct of offensive operations in breach of the ceasefire. Mr Waldegrave knew of this

emphasise the machinery's

general engineering" uses

and not to mention that they

were intended for military

applications.

☐ February 1989: interpreta-

tion of export guidlines tough-ened again after the fatwa

against Salman Rushdie.

March 1990: the Observer

journalist Farzad Bazoft exe-

Brussels.

The natural implication

new formulation but regarded it as an interpretation or the original guideline (iii). Nonetheless, a statement in August · 1989 that applications for export licences for defence equipment for Iraq "continue to be rigorously scrutinised to ensure that they fall within these guidelines" (emphasis added).

of impartiality would have been naturally read accordingly. Taken overall, the terms of Mr Waldegrave's letter to Mr Sackville and his other letters in like terms were, in my opinion, apt to mislead the readers as to the nature of the policy on export sales to Iraq that was currently being pursued by the Government. Mr Waldegrave was in a position to know that that was so although I accept that he did not intend his letters to be misleading and did not so regard them. The statement that ":.. the Government have pursued a policy of impartiality ... " between Iraq and Iran is to be found, also, in letters dated August 14, 1989. August 21, 1989, September 4, 1989. and September 5, 1989, the first from Lynda Chalker, the second from Mrs Thatcher, the Prime Minister, and the

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Judge condemns ministers' secrecy for reasons of convenience or to avoid embarrassment

being misleading. Such a requirement would clearly be ímpracticable. A fair summary of the "full picture" would often, depending on the question that had been asked and the apparent purpose of the statement, be a complete and sufficient response. The proposition is that if part of the picture is being suppressed and the audience does not know it is being suppressed, the audience will be misled into believing the half picture to be the full picture.

acceptance of and support for the divergence between Government's statements of policy and Government's actual policy revealed by the public statements to which I have earlier referred was, in my opinion, more realistic than Sir Robin Butler's and Mr Gore-Booth's attempts to reconcile the giving of answers that designedly disclosed only part of the picture with the obligation to avoid giving misleading answers.

It is, rightly, accepted that there have always been and will always be subjects in respect of which full information, or sometimes any information, cannot be made public. Current operations of the security and intelligence agencies come easily to mind as examples. Sir Robin Butler, in evidence to the inquiry and. also, to the Treasury and the Civil Service Select Commitabout imminent changes in

The public interest may require information about proposed changes to be withheld from the public. The examples are cogent. It ought. nonetheless, to be recognised that the obligation of ministers to give information about the activities of their departments explanations for the actions and omissions of their civil servants lies at the heart of ministerial accountability and that every decision by a minister to withhold information from Parliament and from the public constitutes an avoidance, and sometimes an evasion, pro tanto, of ministerial accountability.

The importance, if ministerial accountability is to be effective, of the provision of full and adequate information is, in my opinion, self-evident. If, and to the extent that, the account given by a minister to Parliament, whether in answering parliamentary questions or in a debate, or to a select committee, withholds information on the matter account, and the obligation to account for what has happened, or for what is being

Misleading answers

done, has, prima facie, not been discharged. Without the provision of full information it is not possible for Parliament. or for that matter the public, to hold the executive fully to

It follows, in my opinion. that the withholding of information by an accountable minister should never be based on reasons of convenience or for avoidance of political embarrassment and should always require special and strong justification.

I well understand the point being made by Sir Michael Quirilan and it may be right that the answers to parliamentary questions of which I have heen critical must be judged in the context of the parliamentary game described in the paper. But the giving of answers to parliamentary questions is not simply a part of the game described by Sir Michael, played for the benefit of and under unexpressed rules

tary players.

The answers are also an important medium by which information about governmade available to the public. It is to be noticed that the respects in which the answers to the parliamentary questions about government policy on inadequate and misleading also respects in which some of the letters pondence from members of the public were inadequate

and misleading. The context described by Sir Michael's paper for the answers to PQs would have no application to those letters. The context does not, in my opinion, excuse the inade

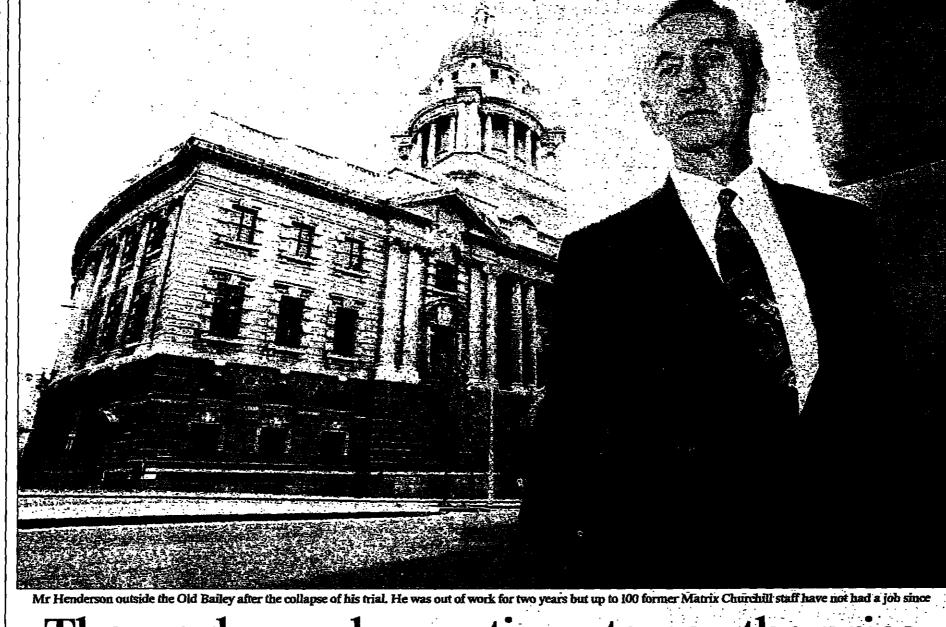
Were rules changed?

quate or misleading character either of the answers to POs or, a fortiori, of the letters to MPs to which I have referred. In the circumstances, the gov 1989 and 1990 about policy on defence exports to Iraq consistently failed, in my opinion, to comply with the standard set by paragraph 27 of the Questions of Procedure for Ministers and, more important. failed to discharge the obligations imposed by the constitutional principle of Ministerial

I have referred earlier in this section of the report to arguments that have been put forward in support of the proposition that the guidelines, as announced in 1985. remained in force and unchanged notwithstanding the agreement reached by the junior ministers over the period December 1988 to May 1989. For a number of reasons I do not accept that propositions or the arguments.

First, it is argued that the relaxation of the guidelines agreed upon by the junior ministers did not constitute a change in the guidelines but was no more than a liberal, relaxed interpretation, or implementation, of them. This argument. I must make clear. is not one that was produced by its proponents for the purposes of meeting questions put by the inquiry. It was a viewpoint widely expressed at the time. A clear exposition is contained in Mr Waldegrave's letter to Mr Clark of March 28. 1989, namely: "As a result of the ceasefire we agreed in February to interpret the ex-port guidelines more flexibly so as to refuse orders for nonlethal equipment only if it would be of direct and significant assistance to either side in the conduct of offensive operations in breach of the

This "interpretation" is said to be consistent with the flexibility inherent in the guidelines from their inception. It was this "interpretation" that had been applied to Iraq since February 1989 and was confirmed for Iraq at the end of April 1989. In Mr Waldegrave's written comments, the use of revised guideline (iii) is described as follows: "The revised form of guideline (iii) was used by the MODWG and IDC in January and February 1989 as a temporary working premise on a trial basis. After the fatwa, ministers decided that the suggested change in the guidelines should not go ahead and that instead the original guidelines were to be applied with flexibility. Thereafter, the MODWG and IDC applied the original guidelines restrictively for Iran and liberally for Iraq. In the case of Iraq, this meant in practice that those groups used the suggested revised form of guideline (iii) as an interprative gloss on the original



The workers who continue to pay the price



Empty sheil: the Matrix Churchill factory this week

The viewpoint expressed in

the passage from Mr Walde-grave's letter that I have cited.

and exemplified in the passage

cited from his written com-

ments, does not seem to me to

correspond with reality. The

revised formulation of guide-

line (iii) was intended to do

two things; first, it was intend-

ed, in view of the termination

of the conflict, to re-state

guideline (iii) in a manner that

could make sense; second, it

was intended to release from

equipment whose military val-

ue was primarily defensive. If

that second purpose had not

been present, the reference to

"offensive operations in breach of the ceasefire" would

not have been included and

the limiting adjective "direct"

would not have been neces-

sary. To describe this revised

formulation as no more than

an interpretation of the old. is,

in my opinion, notwithstand-

ing the many advocates who

espoused the thesis, so plainly inapposite as to be incapable

of being sustained by serious

argument. In my opinion, the

agreement to which Mr Waldegrave referred in his

March 28, 1989, letter was, on

any ordinary use of language.

guidelines non-lethal

WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

THE Matrix Churchill factory in Coventry stands derelict today. The For Sale signs hang forloraly but no one is interested in buying the silent plant with broken windows and boarded doors.

More than 650 skilled workers once worked there. They are the real victims of the arms-to-Iraq affair, according to Paul Henderson, the

firm's former managing director.

Mr Henderson would be the first to admit that he is no angel. The business he was in was a dirty one and he acted as an informant for MIG on the state of the tracti arms industry, telling the security services some of what he was up to. He still

and more liberal policy to-

wards sales of applying a

revised formulation of guideline (iii) in place of the origi-nal. The intended effect of the

revised guideline was to re-

lease a certain class of non-

lethal defence equipment from

I accept that Mr Walde-

grave and the other adherents

of the "interpretation" thesis

did not, in putting forward the

thesis. have any duplicitous

intention and, at the time,

regarded the relaxed interpre-

tation, or implementation, of

guideline (iii) as being a justifi-

able use of the flexibility

believed to be inherent in the

guidelines. But that under-

'Duplicitous

flexibility'

lines, to my mind, the

duplicatous nature of the flexi-

bility claimed for the guide

lines. Flexibility that reflects the differences of opinion that

may arise whenever an at-

tempt is made to apply a

criterion that depends upon a

value judgment is inevitable and desirable. For example,

whether an enhancement of

military capability is "signifi-

the guidelines.

has no qualms about supplying a tyrant such as Saddam Hussein. But he says that what should not be forgotten, amid speculation over the future of here-today-and-gonetomorrow politicians, is that Britain has lost its "fastest-growing machine tool company" with an annual turnover of £54 million.

In February 1991, Mr Henderson and his two fellow directors were arrested. He had been warned by Mi6 to expect a routine visit from Customs and Excise. In the end, 16 officers arrived and arrested him for lying on export licence applications. The charge carried a maximum

cant" is a matter on which between form and substance I

accept that the three junior

December 1988 to May 1989,

agreed on the new line to be

adopted towards defence relat-

ed exports to Iraq and Iran.

knew that any formal alter-

ation in the guidelines an-

nounced in 1985 would require

the approval of senior minis-

ters and the Prime Minister.

from September 1988 to

Feburary 1989 had been on

that footing. I accept also that

in deciding that the agreed

approaches to defence exports

to Iraq and Iran respectively

could be described as being

interpretations of the 1985

guidelines, the junior minis-

ters believed that they were

avoiding a formal change of the 1985 guidelines.

But, however, the agree

ment reached by the junior

ministers be described, if the

substance of the agreement

was to change the criterion

that would be applied to applications for licences to

export defence equipment to

Iraq, they were, in any ordi-

nary use of language, agree-

ing on a change of policy. I

regard the explanation that

this could not be so because

the approval of the senior

The conduct of the debate

opinions may differ. If opinions do differ, a decision

falling within the spectrum

created by those differences

can legitimately be described.

as an application of the criteri-

on. Guideline (iii) had, thus,

an inherent and entirely ac-

ceptable flexibility. But the

removal from the scope of

guideline (iii) of non-lethal

defence equipment of a pri-marily defensive nature is not

a "flexible interpretation" of

the guidelines. It is a decision

that the guidelines will not be

applied so as to restrict the

sale of a certain class of

defence equipment. The de-

scription of that decision as

being merely a flexible inter-

pretation, or flexible imple-mentation, of the guidelines is

bound to be misleading to

anyone who does not know the

It was argued, also that because the revised formula-

tion of guideline (iii) had never

been approved by senior min-isters or the Prime Minister, it.

could not have become

government policy and could

have been no more than an

interpretation, relaxed and

flexible, of the original guide-

line (iii). This argument, in my

opinion, fails to distinguish

substance of the decision.

says, washed their hands of him and he spent a night in Wormwood Scrubs.

tried at the Old Bailey for illegally exporting arms-making machinery to Iraq. He says that he is not bitter but he does feel that the security services and Government left him to hang in the wind.

"I have been waiting for this day because I just want the Scott report over and done with." he said. "It has been five and a half years. It has all dragged on far too long.".

Up to 100 of his former workforce. have never worked again. Others have been reduced to scratching a living by taxi-driving or repairing

ployed. He is now the chief executive of Productions Systems International, a West Midlands company making welding machinery for the ear industry.

"Justice was done as far as I was. concerned when the case at the Old Bailey collapsed. The report reinforces the message. We lost a good company and a lot of skilled people for nothing. Just as long as people don't forget that."

on the shop floor were the ones who

lost out. I hope people won't forget

that. Any government minister who

goes as a result of Scott won't find it

and after the trial he was unem-

For more than two years during

very hard to get another job."

full information as possible **Ministerial** accountability

ministers and the Prime Min-

ister had not been obtained as

Ministers identifies as one of the facets of ministerial ac-

countability the duty to give

Parliament, and the public "as

Questions of Procedure for

about the policies, decisions and actions of the Government, and not to deceive or mislead Parliament and the public". Example after example has come to light of an apparent failure by Ministers

to discharge that obligation. The Howe guidelines [drawn up by Geoffrey Howe] were agreed in December 1984 but when in April and May 1985 parliamentary questions about government policy on defence sales to Iran and Iraq came to be answered, the existence of the guidelines was

deliberately not disclosed. From 1983 until the ceasefire in August 1988, arrangements were in place for defence sales to Iraq to be facilitated by the provision of medium-term ECGD credit cover. This de-

fence allocation represented an agreed proportion of the credit facilities for Iraq which had been agreed between the United Kingdom and Iraq. Yet when in 1990 parliamentary questions sought details of the protocols, no mention was made of the defence allocation.

A written answer given to a parliamentary question in January 1990 seeking the total capital project cost cover offered under the export credit guarantee system" to a number of specified countries refused to supply the information. The ground given for the refusal was "commercial confidentiality".

Government statements in 1989 and 1990 consistently failed to disclose either the terms of the adjustment to the guidelines that had followed the ceasefire or the decision to adopt a more liberal policy on defence sales to Iraq.

The answer given in February 1991 to Mr Tony Banks's . question asking whether any MoD officials attended the Baghdad Military Exhibition of April/May 1989 represented a deliberate concealment from Parliament of the circumstances under which Mr David Hastie had attended the exhibition.

The long and winding road that led to 1,800 pages

☐ When was the inquiry set up? Almost 40 long months ago, in November 1992.

☐ What was its remit? To examine whether ministers and officials operated within guidelines

on arms exports to Iraa. ☐ Who is Scott?

He was appointed a Chancery judge in 1983. Last year the Government promoted him to Vice Chancellor of the Supreme Court, one of the most senior judicial appointments.

□ Why was he chosen? He himself has sometimes wondered. Lord Mackay of Clashlern recommended him to John Major.

past three years? In an anonymous DTI office in Palace Street, between Victoria and Buckingham Palace. The building was a former hotel and at times,

☐ Where has he been based for the

THE INQUIRY

putting in 12-hour days, Sir Richard must have wished it still was.

☐ What does he do in the real

world? Rides to hounds and rides a bicycle which became much loved by Fleet Street picture editors. For the record, it's a Raleigh Falcon with 18 gears.

☐ What's his form? Mixed. Gave the Government a bloody nose in 1987 over Spycatcher, ruling that ministers could not gag Peter Wright, the former M15 officer. But did the Government a favour during the miners' strike in 1984-85. when he granted an injunction limiting pickets at each pit to six.

☐ Friends and enemies? A private, family man who sees no reason to belong to a London club.

impressive list of powerful enemies during the course of his inquiry. including Lord Howe. But, as he said, "they weren't on my Christmas

card list anyway." Any regrets?

He has a few. He never dreamt that the inquiry would take as long as it has and cannot wait to get back to "real life" — a strange description, some might say, for the High Court.

☐ What help did he have? About a dozen disciples laboured with him from November 1992. including Presiley Baxendale, QC. and Christopher Muttukumaru, secretary to the inquiry.

☐ What help did Whiteball have? About 17 civil servants working in "Scott units" in five different Government departments, "co-ordinating" the offical response.

☐ And Whitehall? £1.9 million. Oh, and a further £925,000 spent on legal advice to ministers and civil servants. A grand total of? c4.0 million

☐ Why did it take Scott so long? See next five questions. How many official documents

were examined? 200,000, "a guestimate to the nearest 10,000. We haven't actually had time to count them all." However, Scott. did read every single one. John Major regretted — sorry, commended - his "thoroughness".

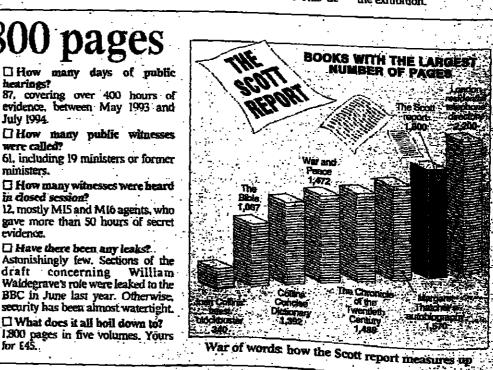
☐ How many witnesses submitted written evidence? 270, and many of the submissions ran to dozens of pages. Again, Scott ploughed through every page.

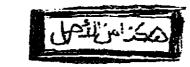
☐ How many days of public hearings? 87, covering over 400 hours of

July 1994. How many public witnesses were called? 61, including 19 ministers or former

How many witnesses were beard in closed session? 12, mostly MIS and MI6 agents, who gave more than 50 hours of secret evidence.

☐ Have there been any leaks?... Astonishingly few. Sections of the draft concerning William Waidegrave's role were leaked to the BBC in June last year. Otherwise, security has been almost watertight. ☐ What does it all boil down to? 1,800 pages in five volumes. Yours





Tangled tale that began with murder and ended with collapse of Saddam's pipe dream

Matrix Churchill 'told to play down arms application'

ON A grey day in April 1990 a Canadian ballistics expert was shot from behind with a silenced pistol as he fumbled for the keys of his sixth-floor flat in Brussels.

Dr Gerald Bull's killers could have been sent by Mossad, the Israeli intelligence service, or possibly by the Iranians. Both countries had a motive.

Bull's company, SRC, had been responsible for building the Iraqus a huge gun, from components made by mainly British firms, and allegedly capable of firing nuclear warheads great distances.

A week after Bull's death, Customs and Excise seized a consignment of steel tubes awaiting export at Teesport The pipes, made by Sheffield Forgemasters, were allegedly intended to carry oil but were. in fact, for a 1,000mm gun to be built secretly in the traqi desert known as Project Baby-

lon, or the "supergum". Sir Hal Miller, a Tory MP whose Bromsgrove constituency included Walter Soniers. one of the firms responsible for making the pipes, claimed that the Government had licensed the tubes for export despite. MI6 knowing all about the supergun. He told the Scott inquiry that he had personally alerted the intelligence services after Rex Bayliss, the firm's managing director, confided his suspicions about the true nature of

MI6 had also been alerted to the supergun by Paul Henderson, managing director of Matrix Churchill, whose firm was involved in making shells for the weapon. Paul Grecian,

the pr

a Reading arms firm, had given MI6 the first tip about

A third firm, Astra, had also disclosed details to the Ministry of Defence in 1989 of a contract which its Belgian subsidiary had to supply propellant to SRC.

MI6 had in fact known since at least 1987 that British firms had signed contracts to supply machine tools for Iraqi munitions factories. It was January 1988 before

Torry Steadman, head of export licensing at the DTI. told the firms that the licences were frozen Local MPs said that jobs would be lost and the

SUPERGUN

security services realised freezing the orders might alert the Iraqis to its intelligence and endanger informants.

Alan Clark, then a Trade Minister, met with the manufacturers and told them the exports would, after all, be allowed. One of those at the meeting was Mark Gutteridge, sales director of Matrix Churchill; who had been recruited as an MI5 informer in 1986. Clark encouraged the firms to emphasise the machinery's general engineering uses

On August 2: 1990, Iraq

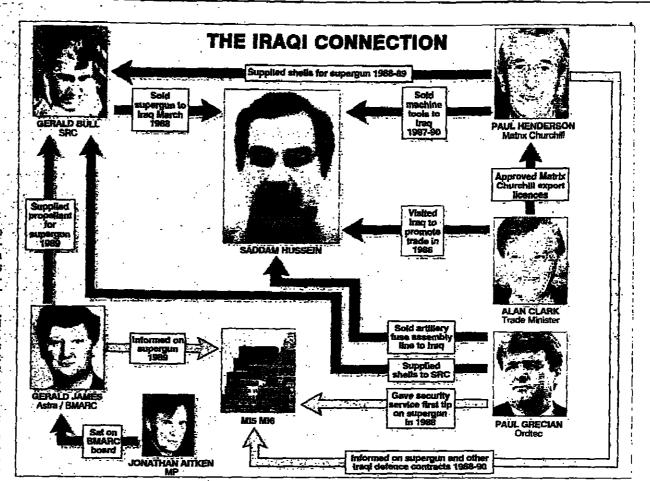
invaded Kuyvait Customs and Excise decided it was time to act against firms which it believed were exporting armsfinked machinery to Iraq. In August 1990 they raided the Reading based firm Ordiec and subsequently secured convictions in February 1992 of Paul Grecian, the managing

illegal arms exports. They also raided Matrix Churchill, having been upped off by German customs that industrial latines apparently destined for a Chil-ean arms dealer were intend-

ed for an Iraqi artillery plant. When Michael Coolican, Department of Trade and Industry export controls head; learned that Customs officers were to visit the firm, he sent-Nicholas Ridley, then Trade Secretary, an anxious memo. Mr Coolican realised the implications of an investigation. He knew, particularly, about the decision ministers had taken two years earlier to allow Matrix Churchill to export a large quantity of machine tools to lraq. A trial, he said, would mean the Government's "dirty washing" could be aired in public, while the

timing was "extraordinarily embarrassing" for the DTI. That December, The Sunday Times reported that, if prosecuted, the Matrix Churchill directors would say the Government knew what they were doing. They would also say that Alan Clark gave them "a nod and a wink" to continue the exports - an allegation Mr Clark vigorously denied.

The case against the supergun manufacturers was dropped but Customs pressed ahead with Matrix Churchill, and Henderson and two other colleagues were arrested in February 1991. As the trial opened at the Old Bailey in November 1992, Geoffrey Robertson, QC, persuaded Judge Smedley to ignore the PII certificates. The case collapsed and in the ensuing outcry John Major asked Sir Richard Scott to conduct his



Suppression prompted guilty plea

the convictions of four men in the Ordice case last November it meant Customs and Excise had lost every one of its high-profile prosecutions seeking to enforce Sir Geoffrey Howe's guidelines on arms exports to Iraq (Nigel Williamson writes).

The four men were given suspended prison sentences or fined after being convicted in 1992 of illegally exporting an artillery fuse assembly line to Iraq. The defendants were advised to plead guilty by their lawyers after Kenneth Baker, the then Home Secretary, and Peter Lilley, Trade Secretary, signed public interest immunity certificates seeking to withhold government papers.

The Lord Chief Justice. Lord Taylor of Gosforth, ruled that the Government should not have withheld vital papers from the defence through the use of PII certificates and that it should have been disclosed to the court that Paul Grecian, one of the defendants, had been an informant for M15 and M16.

viction in 1992 for selling 300,000 artillery fuses to Iraq on an export licence that gave Jordan as the destination was not safe and satisfactory" after documents from the Ministry of Defence, the Foreign Office and the security services were produced showing wide knowledge of the deal and complicity across Whitehall.

Mr Grecian, the managing director of Reading-based Ordiec, and two colleagues. Bryan Mason and Stuart Blackledge, received suspended jail sentences at Reading Crown Court in February 1992. A fourth man, Colin Phillips, was fined.

Among the information withheld at their trial were security services papers showing that Mr Grecian, like Paul Henderson of Matrix Churchill, had acted as an informer on the Iraqi arms

Ordtec four decided to appeal when they saw the outcome of the aborted Matrix

In May last year Douglas Hurd, the then Foreign Secretary, and Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, signed further PII certificates to prevent the documents being used in the appeal. In the end Lord Taylor ruled that most of the material should be made available to the defence legal team. It showed that Mr Grecian had had, in the judge's words, "sustained contact" with M15 and M16 through a Special Branch controller called Stephen Wilkinson and that Whitehall had turned a "blind eye" to the use of Jordan as a front for Iraqi arms

After the appeal, Mr Grecian told The Times that the five-year legal battle had cost him his livelihood, He is facing further charges in America in connection with alleged arms sales to Iraq and is currently being held in South Africa while the American authorities seek his

Stance on Iran-Iraq conflict triggered confusion

By a Staif Reporter

IT WAS the Foreign Office's decision in 1984 that Britain should not take sides in the war between Iran and Iraq which eventually led to the confusion over the interpretation of arms export guidelines which lies at the heart of the

GUIDELINES

Scott report Lard Howe of Aberavon, then Foreign Secretary, advised Margaret Thatcher that guidelines should be drawn up on defence sales to the two countries but that no high-profile announcement was necessary.

The guidelines were duly devised at the end of 1984 but not made public until October 29 1985 in a written Parliamentary answer to Sir David Steel.

The rules confirmed the Government's ban on arms sales to both Iraq and Iran but also said that export licences should not be issued for any equipment which would "significantly enhance the capacity of either side to prolong or exacerbate the conflict".

However, even then Lord Howe noted that the guidelines were designed to allow ministers "a modicum of flexibility" in deciding what should and should not be exported.

By 1988, when a ceasefire was announced in the Iran-Iraq war, pressure from in-dustry for the guidelines to be relaxed had grown irresistable. New markets beckoned in the Middle East. The Foreign Office was persuaded and Lord Howe wrote to Mrs Thatcher urging relaxing control" on some exports.

Mr Clark then met with William Waldegrave, then a Foreign Office minister, and the then defence minister. Lord Trefgame, on December 21, 1988, to consider how the guidelines might be relaxed.

Mr Waldegrave insisted afterwards that as a result of that meeting the guidelines had not been changed but a of the original Howe guide lines had been agreed. Mr Clark, however, believed that a "significant" change had happened. He also subsequently said that Mrs Thatcher's office had been informed. although she told the inquiry she had no knowledge of the

Sir Robin Butler, the Cabinet secretary, later concluded that an "unpu blished relaxation" of the guidelines had been agreed.

build-up. Despite having pleaded guilty, the director, and three others for He ruled that the businessmen's con-Monstrous weapon may have been a white elephant gun



Elements of the "supergun" were seized at Teesport

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tatraordinary weapons projects ever devised and was the first indication that Saddam
Hussein was using British Babylon, as it was Teesport.

firms to build his war mach-ine, despite a United Nations and Government embargo. Saddam apparently planned to construct a series of massive guns capable of firing nuclear or chemical warheads vast distances across the Middle East. They included at least two 350mm artillery pieces - twice the The existence of the calibre of a conventional howitzer — and one truly enor-mous 1,000mm gun. Project

child of remarkable Canadian ballistics expert Gerald Bull, who had teamed up with the Iraqi dictator to realise his ambition of constructing the world's biggest gun. For Saddam, the project offered the prospect of providing him with a weapon capable of threatening his arch enemy,

supergun project was re-vealed in April 1990, when

Customs and Excise officers seized a consignment of large

which were supposedly for an oil pipeline, were actually destined for an enormous weapons project in the wilderness of the Iraqi mountains. It emerged that just a week before the seizure Dr Bull had been killed outside his flat in Brussels. Mossad, the Israeli intelligence service, and Iranian agents were both put forward as possible suspects

— certainly, both countries had sufficient motive.

The then Trade and Indus- Bayliss, confided his suspitry Secretary, the late Nichosteel pipes awaiting export at las Ridley, whose department ld the Co

the Government had only "recently" learnt they were for the gun project. But his account was quickly challenged by Tory MP Sir Hal Miller. whose Bromsgrove constituency included one of the firms responsible for making the pipes, Walter Somers. Sir Hal later told the Scott

inquiry that some two years earlier he had alerted the intelligence services after the firm's managing director, Rex

cions about what the tubes were really for. He said Mr could be tracked by satellite. The true military value of

Project Babylon was never really established. Following the Gulf War. UN observers discovered a single enormous gun in the wilds of northern fraq, but experts questioned the weapon's ability to deliver missiles with any accuracy. It may, in the end, have been the biggest military white ele-

Judges could shun arduous task

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT:

IF THE Government in effect thumbs its nose" at Sir Richard Scott's recommendations, no High Court judge will happily take on another government inquiry for some time.

Many MPs voiced disquiet,

while the Scott inquiry was under way, about the use of judges such as Lord Nolan and Sir Richard to inquire into their affairs. Sir Ivan Lawrence, QC. Conservative chairman of the Commons home af- years and he remained on his

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fairs committee, has said that judges should stay out of in-quiries that might jeopardise their independence. For their part, judges may

feel disinclined to work the hours required for no extra financial reward, only to have their painstaking conclusions shelved or "cherry-picked", with only the least controversial proposals adopted. Sir Richard's inquiry took three

normal salary. He has worked longer hours than he would as head of the High Court Chancery division. His holidays have been far shorter.

Judges have long chaired inquiries. They include that imo allegations of child abuse in Cleveland (Lady Justice Butler-Sloss in 1988) and the Hillsborough disaster (Lord Justice Taylor in 1989), as well as political inquiries such as Lord Denning's into the Profumo affair in 1963. Until recently there was no

question but that governments

would act on a judicial inqui-ry's findings. But Lord Nolan. who inquired into standards in public life, was up against a wall of opposition. As for Scott, Lord Howe of

Aberavon claimed Sir Richard should have followed the rules laid down for inquiries by Lord Justice Salmon in 1966. recommending that witnesses be legally represented. But Anthony Scrivener, QC, a former Bar chairman, writing in The Times this week, said: "The procedure at the Scott inquiry was eminently fair."

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Emphasis of PIIs changed by use in criminal cases

By Frances GIBB LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

certificates (PIIs), originally called Crown Privilege, were introduced in 1947 when the Crown Proceedings Act stated for the first time that the Crown could be sued.

The Act also said the Crown need not disclose documents when to do so would be harmful to the public interest. It allows courts to order that documents should not be produced where disclosure would be contrary to the public interest.

The way in which nondisclosure has been used has developed, particularly in criminal cases over recent years. Most of the law concerning PII certificates stems from their use in civil proceedings and many lawyers argued that it was wrong, where the liberty of the subject was at stake, that they should come into play at all in criminal trials.

The rise of PII certificates in criminal trials has occurred in the past five years. A series of cases has widened the duty on the prosecution to disclose evidence, in particular a ruling in 1989 by Mr Justice Henry in the Guinness trials. and later in 1993, in the case of Judith Ward, who was acquitted after serving 17 years for bombing an army coach.

As a direct result, prosecuting authorities were forced they argue - to develop the

law on PIIs. "As more material had to be disclosed, so the need widened to protect classes of material." Sir Richard Scott took the view that there was no justifi-

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cation ever for withholding evidence in criminal proceed ings. He said the law was always as Lord Woolf stated it to be in the Wiley case. Sir Nicholas Lyell, QC, the Attorney-General, with the backing of a series of rulings and senior legal figures including Lord Justice Simon Brown and Mr Justice Laws, argued the contrary.

Sir Nicholas took as his leading authority the case of Makanjuola in 1989 in which Lord Justice Bingham (now Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls), said Pl was a duty that could not be waived. It was not a "trump card vouchsafed to certain privileged players to play when and as they wish".

The Scott inquiry may well have hastened the new policy but it was another senior judge who ushered it in -Lord Woolf, in a landmark House of Lords ruling in July 1994, known as Wiley against the Chief Constable of West Midlands. In comments aside from the

judgment, Lord Woolf outlined what has become the basis of PII policy. Ministers, he said, were not obliged to sign PII certificates if material fell within a certain protected class and to leave it to the judge to decide whether the public interest lay in disclosure or not.

Instead, ministers could themselves make the decision in favour of disclosure although if they decided against, then it would still be for the courts ultimately to

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■ THEATRE 1

Craig Raine's powerful updating of Racine, 1953, is given a fine new staging at the Almeida



THEATRE 2

Superb scenery but an indifferent cast for a Leeds revival of Gogol's Government Inspector

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MUSIC 1

Passion flows on Valentine's Day, as Roger Norrington leads Berlioz's Romeo et Juliette



■ MUSIC 2

Shortcomings of diction and expression mar Amanda Roocroff's night at the Wigmore Hall

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THEATRE: Benedict Nightingale hails Raine's updating of Racine. Plus, Gogol for the eyes only, and a flop for tots

Poet's pen as mighty as the sword

go by without a sniff of a 17th-century French classic. and then two turn up on consecutive days, each transposed to the most unlikely of times and climes. First, there was a 1990s Misanthrope at the Young Vic, complete with a Hollywood love-goddess and her coke-snorting retinue. Now we have Craig Raine's Nazification of Racine's Andromaque, star-

ring a nobleman 1953 called Klaus-Maria von Orestes. Almeida What next, a Cia

Patton routs the Huns in the morning and marries Marilyn Monroe in the afternoon, as Comeille's busy Rodrigue eff-

in which General

Actually. Raine's 1953 is a lot more imaginatively arresting than that. The year of the title is not the one in which Elizabeth was crowned and I first saw The Mousetrap. There is no Queen, no play by Agatha Christie, not even any London, Churchill apparently died after a night spent quaffing champagne with Brendan Bracken, leaving our capital to the mercy of Mussolini's son, Vittorio, who razed it with bombs and finished the job with anthrax. He rules in Rome, as Hitler does in Berlin. though there is unfinished business on the Russian front.

You will not be surprised to learn that Raine advises us in a programme note to forget on his own dramatic poetry. Yet 1953 sticks almost as closely to Racine's plot as Martin Crimp's Misanthrope does to Molière. In the original, Orestes loves Hermione, who loves the butcher of Troy. Pyrrhus; and Pyrrhus loves Hector's widow Andromaque enough to refuse his fellow-Greeks demand that he kill

her son, Astyanax. Their counterparts here are Count Oresthe Anglo-Jewess Annette LeSkye (Pooky Quesnel), whose son Angus is heir to the British throne. And all follow the paths and meet the ends of

their prototypes.
It is fascinatingly fanciful stuff, yet I can see why Raine made the leap. As he also says in the programme that he wanted "to use my contempo-

rary register' rather than to do a nice, safe translation of Racine. But that obviously demanded a

world dominated by big, brutal figures as ready to sacrifice people's lives to their passions as Pyrrhus or Hector. Are these to be found in Major's England, Chirac's France or post-Papandreou Greece? Hardly. Saddam Hussein's Iraq? Too alien a proposition. But those post-Christian para-dises, the 1,000-year Reich and Fascist Italy . . . well, maybe.

ven if you cannot buy

that, you will be gripped by the strong, bold feelings that, given Vicki Mortimer's mix of portiposity and art-deco modishness, suggests the Savov as it might have been redesigned by Albert Speer. Jason Isaacs's bullet-headed Vittorio - that "shaved baboon" - exudes curt command as he lingers over the billiard table or violently spars with a long-suffering confidant. Adam Kotz's Orestes somehow maintains decency and dignity in situations friendly to neither. Emma Fielding makes a chillingly

arrogant, contemptuous Ira. Yet all get, and grab, the opportunity to display the vulnerability you find not only in Racine but in Racine's



Jason Isaacs as the son of Mussolini and Pooky Quesnel as the mother of the heir to the British throne in Craig Raine's clever and original 1953

source, Euripides's Andromache. Isaacs pleads as well as roars. Kotz unzips his upper lip, and Fielding whispers what have I done?" as she contemplates the crime passionnel she did and did not request. Her swings of mood,

from fiercely vindictive to baffled and despairing, are not only finely managed but embody the theme of Andromaque and 1953: the demands of the glands override everything, from honour to duty to a Führer's orders In Racine, the characters

watch these tussles with principled dismay. With Raine, the feeling is nearer to cynicism, a brusque urbanity that better suits both the contemporary world and his own talent. 1953 brims with sharp, hard images: bodies floating "like teahags", men "toxic with testosterone", a woman "used like a table napkin — I spent an hour on your lap. The writing is distinctive, the con-cept as original as anything in London, and Patrick Marber's production altogether to be re-

> Times are hard when an all-Rachmaninov pro-

The conductor was the

The first movement seemed

Two novelties were offered

Passion was not in short

Philharmonic ranged to yield

Thrilling sets for flat scenes The Government Inspector West Yorkshire Playhouse,

re-revolutionary provincial Russia is a dark, yawning shaft, its sheer walls and bare floor just planks of wood. Julian Crouch's beautiful set suggests warmth, worn homeliness and shelter from harsh weather, yet it looks bleakly abandoned, potentially cold as a

Everything is quiet. Then comes an ominous creaking. It is a line of battered metal lamps being lowered. Their beams reveal the place to be a bit dusty. Amid growing industrial noises, a concealed door blows open and in rolls a great table.

Stacked on top are a crew of eccentrics, the petty crabbed officials of this backwater town. Dickensian yet East European, they flutter neurotically in tatty velvet coats, unpacking their committee chairs and rustling stacks of papers. Then all is still again. Suddenly a huge staircase comes smashing through the wall. "Good morning, gentlemen," says the dramatically entering Postmaster, almost as if nothing has happened. "I have some news

Phelim McDermott's vision of Gogol's classic starts off with acutely timed contrasts that are frightening and funny.

Leeds

The news is, of course, that an unidentified government inspector with the clout of grand St Petersburg is about to hit town. He seems bound to rumble these corrupt municipal rulers. A full-blown comedy of mistaken identities follows. The penniless but not stupid travelling clerk, Ivan Khlestakov (tiny, porky Toby Jones), finds himself wined and dined and getting his pockets lined. Fleering the locals and playing off the ladies, he is what they deserve but also a rotter

This production proves good and bad. Visually it is stunning. McDermott's scene changes are coups de thédtre. choreographed swishly with cranky wit. Ivan's manservant, almost hallucinating from starvation in a pokey inn, makes his entrance in bed. The latter wheels around by itself, alarmingly pursued by the staircase. When Ivan eventually waves

goodbye, we see him trundling off on a troika constructed from the Governor's best chairs. Ivan, preposterously shooting the moose head off the wall and getting his host's last carpet slung into the bargain, rides away with a fantastic variation on a pantomime horse.

Unfortunately, the set is superior to the cast. Most crucially, Jones lacks the theatrical stature to shoulder the lead. He is short on sexual thrust, for one thirig. Elsewhere, superb touches include Julian Bleach's cadaverous Charity Commissioner, bowing and bending like a weasel in a tailcoat. However, scenes go flat. While the farce might escalate further, the hard realities of hunger and abuse could be played more seriously.

The seeds are there. The nasty portraits

of VIPs, peering down from hatches, suggest a world of insanity and surveillance. Generally, the text still needs sharper scrutiny, but Adrian Mitchell's verbally lively adaptation is a delight, and the sature of hopeless schools and crumbling hospitals sounds alarmingly close to.

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Shrunk, but not rapt

Down Among the Mini-Beasts Polka, SW19

OUR children's theatres are commissioning work from writers with grown-up reputa-tions. Kate Bassett writes. The Little Angel Theatre in North London boasts Ken Campbell and Gregory Motton, and Polka is currently employing Bryony Lavery, increasingly known for her adult writing. Aiming high is absolutely right. Unfortunately, Down Among the Mini-Beasts, in tended for fives and over, is no great shakes.

This is the story of a gir called Millie. While her daddy is baking, she drinks a shrinking potion concocted by her granny in the garden shed. Both adults are commendably alternative role-models but are not including the child in their activities. So Millie downs the liquid, dwindles into an extremely weeny minor and vanishes into the vegetable patch, courtesy of a vortex and a set change to carrots and cauliflowers painted large. There, Millie finds herself having to make friends with insects who rarely busy themselves with feelings or give unless getting in return.

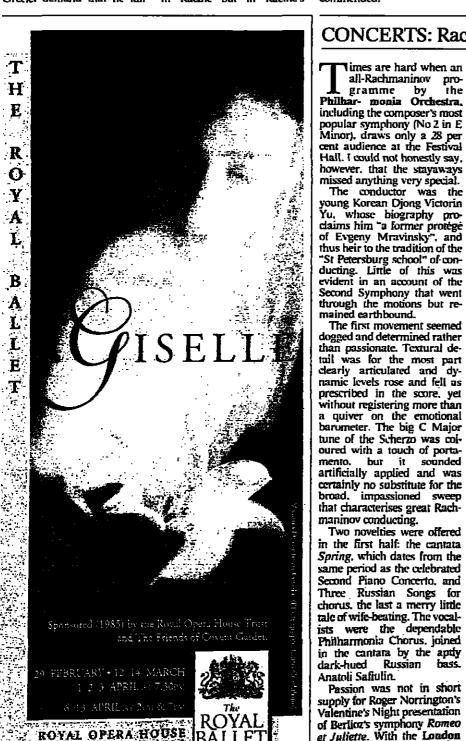
Lavery's play has potentially winning ingredients a touch of Lewis Carroll; the environs of David Bellamy at his most microscopic. Millie bonds with a caterpillar and does a deal with a dung beetle. include ecological facts. The intention seems to be to mix altruism with survival instincts — so I was misure why Millie while tearning not to squish ants, continued to duff up earthworms.

Ruby Evans, her hair in bunches, makes a convincing Millie but is too bouncy. Amardeep Kaushal's caterpillar is sweetly entertaining. while the dung beetle (Terence Frisch) is a leathery Victorian dustman and anti-litterbug. But the design lacks sophistication and Lavery's language. in spite of alliterative playfulness, sounds simplistic. The best-loved authors often write over children's heads - and KATE BASSETT thus stimulate growth.

CONCERTS: Rachmaninov played by rote and Berlioz with brio, but Amanda Roocroft tackles too much, too soon

Electric music for mind and body

mulgate the musical values obvious as soon as the trio and Abercrombie followed.... CHRIS PARKER



The pity and the passion

Philharmonia/Yu LPO/Norrington Festival Hall

some novel antiphonal effects. and three choirs adding to the proceedings, it was a characteristically full-blooded, sometimes hair-raising, onslaught on Berlioz's treatment of the romantic tragedy.

The thunderous drum roll

that ended the first of the seven movements gave chilling no-

BILLED as John Aber-

crombie's Baseline, but intro-

duced as Hein van der

Geyn's ditto, the trio com-

prising these two - guitarist

and bassist respectively -

and drummer Joe LaBarbera

proved to be a model democ-

racy. Purveying two sets of

elegant, sophisticated but

punchy chamber jazz, the

three men interacted with a

epitomised by the music pro-

duced in the various trios

formed over the years by LaBarbera's most celebrated

former employer, the late

Himself no stranger to trio

settings - his Gateway Trio

with Dave Holland and Jack

DeJohnette is still operating,

20 years after making its first

recording - Abercrombie is

justly celebrated for helping

pianist Bill Evans.

delicate

spontaneity

drew to a close a most beautifully delivered movement. Sa-rah Walker evoked the "unforgettable first raptures" and the vale of tears" with her incomparably expressive mezzo. John Mark Ainsley made a stylish but brief appearance as the tenor soloist, and the semichorus was the most professional, and best groomed, of the three choral ensembles: the Schutz Choir of London... If the offstage partygoers in the Love Scene were a touch

too raucous, it hardly dimin-

Baseline

The Rhythmic, NI

espoused by ECM, the com-

pany for which he has se-

corded for the past 22 years.

These include a scrupulous

attention to detail and nu-

ance, an ability to imbue

superficially cerebral music

with almost romantic lyri-

cism, and the idea that jazz of

truly lasting value can be

produced by concentrating

as much on the music's

texture and overall structure

as on more "jazzy" character-istics such as fierce swing

and unbridled exuberance.

That these values were

shared by both LaBarbera

and Van der Geyn was

ished the melting harmonies and veiled sonorities of the strings in that evocative movement. Anything in the score that smacked of the idiosyncratic or the theatrical was seized on by Norrington and played for all it was worth.

To the Queen Mab Scherzo he brought humour as well needlepoint delicacy, with some truly ethereal harmonics in the middle section. Though a little stretched at the top and bottom of his compass, Miguel Angel Zapater commanded both sympathy and respect as Friar Laurence. With the orchestra, London Philharmonic Chorus all at full throttle, the final moments of the work were thrilling.

Beautiful Love. Behind the

electric guitarist's tastefully

soun lines and softly chiming

chords, the Dutch bassist

was considered and stately in

his accompanying role, elo-quent and unabashedly tune-

ful in his solos, the full-

bodied gravity of his sound

in no way compromising its

LaBarbera, unmatched this side of fellow Evans

alumnus Paul Modan for his

ability to impart discreet but

powerful momentum to

music at the slowest of tem-

pos. pattered intelligently

round his kit, constantly

seeking the subtle side drum

embellishment or the precise

shade of cymbal sound that

would perfectly complement

the others' playing. Originals by Van der Geyn

lithe propulsiveness.

eased themselves gently into the ballads eliciting exqui-their opener, the standard sitely constructed solos from

Lost for words

nterest in Tuesday's recital by Amanda Roocroft, the soprano's first London appearance since the birth of her haby, can only have been increased by the announce-ment that she has withdrawn from singing Arabella at Covent Garden next month.

Though many singers find their vocal prowess increased by childbirth, Roocroft's determination to tackle so soon such a taxing role for the first time had seemed a little reck-less, and her decision is undoubtedly a wise one (Cheryl Studer will replace her at five of the six performances)

But few operatic roles are as BARRY MILLINGTON taxing as recital work, and

the latter which drew heavily

on his trademark spangly

guitar sound. But it was the

second set's opener, Sonny

Rollins's jazz-blues Sonnymoon for Two, that

really allowed the trio as a

whole, and Abercrombie in

The New York-born gui-

tarist has always been nota-

ble for his ability to switch

seamlessly between the un-

derstated jazz of the likes of

Wes Montgomery or Jim. Hall and the blistering axe-

hero electronic noise associ-

ated with rock music, and he

spent the rest of the evening

revelling in both aspects of

his prodigious talent. Van

were with him every step of

the way.

particular, to open up.

Amanda Roocroft Wigmore Hall

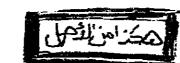
Roocroft did not skimp at the Wigmore Hall — the first half lasted more than 50 minutes. She showed no sign of fatigue, but alas brought little musical interest to her varied programme. It was dispiriting to find her old weaknesses poor diction and little individuality - highlighted now by the loss of the creamy tone that had been her strong suit. Opening with Haydn's Sce-

na di Berenice, Roocroft sang with urgent intensity but would have communicated the varied emotions better in lessolummy Italian. Her German is stronger, but her selection of Schubert Lieder was also generalised and uninvolving. though Gretchen am Spinnrade was an exception.

Straiss appears to suit Roocroft well, and she was happier in the quiet optimism of Morgen and the light, highlying lines of Standchen. Even: so, the humour of Hat gesagt seemed to come more from her facial expressions than voice.

She conjured up an appro- z priately earthy tone for the Seven Spanish Popular Songs by Falla, but then smoothed them out with vocalise-like projection. The ear was drawn to the more interesting contributions of the pianist. Malcolm Martineau. Roocroft had her moments in Britten's On this Island, articulating a good, smooth line in Now the leaves are falling fast, though she lacked the cabarel accents for As it is, plenty. With few of Auden's lines coming across. though, her account sounded

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OPERA: Rodney Milnes is ravished by Khovanshchina in Brussels, but let down in Amsterdam

A cross-Channel bargain at any price

ince it is now cheaper; thanks to current arts-funding policy, to go to the opera in Brussels and Paris than to Covent Garden, reports from across the Channel should perhaps be as frequent as those from Bow Street. Top price in Brussels is £50 (add a pound or two for Paris), Eurostar deals come in at less than £60, and there are regular matinees. Funny old world.

But it would be worth Covent Garden prices and more to catch the new production of Khovanshchina in Brussels, running until tomorrow: it is in every respect outstanding. If an opera company's strength is to be judged by the quality of its orchestra and chorus, then the Monnaie under-Bernard Foccroulle is in the safest of hands: it is a long time since I have heard such full-toned, superbly disciplined playing and singing (the chorusmaster is Werner Nitzer) as that under Paul Daniel last week.

The Shostakovich orchestration is used, but with a new, contemplative ending (devised by J. David Jackson) probably closer to Mussorgsky's intentions. The composer's scribbled notes were also cited to justify some nips and tucks in a notoriously sprawling score. The results were unexceptionable save to the most rabid purist: what emergedwas taut, constantly gripping drama quite faultlessly paced by Daniel.

Power politics and intrigue do not change with the centuries, and Stein Winge's production is in non-specific contemporary dress and throws up visual references for the audience to juggle with to its heart's content. There is a vague look of the Red Army to Ivan Khovansky and the Streltsy, Golitsyn wears blazer and flannels; Shaklovity is attended by spooks in raincoats and trilbies, increasing in number as he tightens his grip on power. Chilling. Winge's direction is quiet, concentrated and as disciplined as the music.



Chorus of approval: the stunning production of Khovanshchina in Brussels is "in every respect outstanding"

could be imagined: Williard White singing old Khovansky even more expressively than at the Coliseum last season; Elena Zaremba warm and properly voluptuous as the mysterious Marfa: Anatoly Kotscherga granite-toned and unsettlingly fanatical as Dossiley; Jacque Trussel a real smoothie-chops Golitsyn; Ronnie Johansen a horribly creepy Shaklovity: Vladimir Bogachov an authentically ringing Andrey Khovansky. All follow Daniel's lead in emphasising the lyrical beauty of the music as well as its more obvious dramatic power. An The international cast is as strong as unforgettable evening.

The combination of a top price of £40 and judicious scarming of bucket-shops also makes Amsterdam an attractive prospect, but a pause for reflection is recommended before rushing off to the Netherlands Opera's current revival of Die Fran ohne Schatten. Harry Kupfer's desperately prosaic produc-tion is played out on Wilfried Werz's metallic, clattery skeletal pyramid. Extraneous action, as so often in Kupler, regularly distracts attention from the music; Hofmannsthal's and Strauss's poetic vision is given little chance to weave its spell.

or as well as anyone in living or recorded memory, and Ellen Shade is a likeable, involved Empress. Gabriele Schnaut was singing the Dyer's Wife for the first time; she has the notes and the stamina, but I find her slightly setin-concrete tone and phrasing too unyielding. Hartmut Haenchen is the perfectly capable conductor but his workaday direction may have accounted for the fine Dutch baritone John Bröcheler (Barak) sounding at less than his best. And an indifferent Frau There are a few musical compensamakes for a very, very long evening.

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dominant suppliers of information to Radio Smalltown in such circumstances would have been local councils and the motoring organisations. Now, the listener calls the radio station about a blocked road and the radio station relays that information. Formal councils, are bypassed.

In many parts of Britain, the percentage of the population listening to larger than the percentage of electors who vote in local council elections. Radio Smalltown gets things done. Radio Smalltown influences issues. Stations in Berkshire, for example, have a significant role in the

Newbury bypass debate. None of which need be a bad thing in itself. But we may be witnessing a sea change in the democratic process. Whereas an election is a simultaneous expression of the mass will, the use of Radio Smalltown is a dripfeed process with no evidence that it is representative of more than a limited lobby which enjoys the sound of its voice. No one on the business end of local radio can want this change to happen. But only the listen-

ers can prevent it. PETER BARNARD

Don't call me popular

Arch-outsider Edwyn Collins is a hit at last. David Sinclair finds him unrepentant

ne should not be fooled by the gentle, friendly manner or the ready laugh. Edwyn his outsider status seriously. Invited to come up with a snappy line about himself to include in the programme for next Monday's Brit Awards, the Scottish singer and songwriter with the proudest quiff in pop settled on: "Every pariah dog has its day."

"I enjoy zero respect within the music industry," he says, affably. This despite having been nominated in two categories of this year's instalment of the British industry's annual backslapping gala: Best British Solo Artist and Best British Single (for A Girl Like You).

"I've always been very forthright and — not wishing to sound too paranoid about it - I know that over the years I've made many enemies in high places," Collins says. Incredibly, given the international success of A Girl Like You and its parent album, Gorgeous George, both released on the tiny independent label Setanta, and licensed to a bewildering variety of independent labels throughout the world. Collins says that there have been no offers of lucrative contracts from the major record companies. "The only person who's invited my manager to come round for a meeting is Richard Branson.

But Collins is in no hurry to come in from the cold. "If these Brit nominations are some kind of belated acknowledgment of my contribution, then all I can do is repeat the old Groucho Marx maxim that I wouldn't wish to belong to any club that would have me as a

Born in Edinburgh in 1959, Collins had his first shot at stardom in Orange Juice, the Glaswegian group that straddled the divide between late-1970s punk and the New Romantic move-ment of the early 1980s without ever nailing its colours to either mast. They enjoyed their biggest hit with the single Rip It Up, which peaked at No 8 in 1983, but eventually foundered in 1985. due to various clashes of personalities. "Groups spend so much time bickering among themselves and thinking up put-downs, which is what we used to

After a long spell in the wilderness. albums - Hope and Despair (1989) and Hellbent on Compromise (1990) and produced records for other acts including Vic Godard, A House and Saint Etienne, Collins has enjoyed an unlikely renaissance, thanks to A Girl Like You. Recorded on a shoestring budget and released in September 1994, the song initially made a brief foray into the Top 50. However, various radio stations, notably Radio l and BBC Greater London Radio, remained entranced by the track's timeless combination of beat, soul and pop and kept playing it long after it had

dropped out of the chart. Meanwhile, it became a No I hit in Belgium, and then spread throughout the Continent, climbing the charts in France and Germany. Re-promoted in Britain last summer, it reached No 4. It has since charted in America, Australia and Japan and worldwide sales now the same time, Gorgeous George has sold more than 800,000 copies (Hellbent On Compromise sold 23,000).

Apart from bankrolling the Setanta label for the forseeable future, A Girl Like You has enabled Collins to build his own dream recording studio.



Tucked away in a North London mews, it is a functional-looking building with a faulty door-buzzer and a brand new burgiar alarm that nobody seems quite sure how to operate.

The control room is a bizarre hotchpotch of equipment that looks as if it has simply sprouted up around a Neve mixing desk that most people would regard as an antique. To one side there is a massive tangle of wires customised from an old telephone exchange. Ancient guitars are slung across chairs. An oil lamp sits on top of the console. Collins proudly points out a gizmo with four big knobs on it that, he says, the late Joe Meek used to produce the sound of the Tornados, the instrumental group whose Telstar was a transatlantic No 1 in 1962.

Half tunesmith, half technophile, Collins is fascinated by the production of modern music as much as the music

Set the Twilight Reeling

RETURNING to active duty as if the ill-fated Velvet Under-ground reunion of 1993 had

never happened. Lou Reed

picks up the thread of his solo

career without missing a beat on Set the Twilight Reeling. Thankfully, he has pulled

himself out of the depression

and despair that inspired his

previous album. Magic and

Loss. Instead, several songs revisit the scene of his greatest

triumph, the New York album

of 1989, although the scathing,

world-weary tone of that clas-

sic is replaced here by a more

upbeat mood.
"I'm a New York City

man/Blink your eyes and I'll

be gone," he warns mischie-

vously on NYC Man, using

his deadpan drawl to sketch

only the faintest outline of a

tune, while delegating the

detailed work to an untypical-

ly elaborate horn-section

Reed's greatest strength re-mains his uncarny ability to

conjure a song from the simplest of building blocks. In HookyWooky, he paints a rooftop picture of the city—"Looking at the chemical

sky/All purple, blue and

oranges/Some pigeons flying by - over a childishly simple.

The skin-and-bones production of numbers ranging from

arrangement.

you can sit down with an acoustic guitar and sing it and it'll sound great. Sound is not more important than songwriting, but a good song can be ruined by a bad or inappropriate

But he insists he is not part of rock's Luddite tendency, represented most prominently in recent times by Lenny Kravitz. "I installed the Neve desk because it's the best. It's not built any more because of financial constraints, not because the new desks are any better. But I'm just as fascinated with sampling technology. I'm simply try-ing to take the best from each era. I'm as excited by the production technique of Phil Spector as I am by [rap producer] Dr Dre.'

With a new single, Keep on Burning, due for release on the day of the Brits,

itself. "I don't agree with the idea that Collins has no plans to relinquish his the test of a really good song is whether post as one of pop's arch mavericks. A song that pours gentle scorn on what he sees as the retro and jingoistic overtones of the Britpop revolution— "It's the same old story, England's glory/Claiming back the Union Jack" - Burning comes swathed in typically strange layers of production echo and

> "It's hard to be operating for 15 years without getting a bit ironic," Collins says. "I'm often reminded of the Frank Zappa album Does Humor Belong In Music? I take humour very seriously."

● The single Keep on Burning is released by Setanta on Monday ● Edwyn Collins is the special guest on Pulps British tour, starting at Brighton Centre on Tuesday, continuing at Cardiff, Birmingham, Manchester, Edinburgh, Newcastle, Humberside, Sheffield and end-

Return of the native

Paul Sexton on a protest singer in tune with the vibes of her

ancestors and her Apple Mac

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ly Buffy Sainte Marie, born on a reservation in Saskatche wan, Canada, celebrated champion of Native American heritage, seasoned trou-badour of history-laden intosh-friendly, digital

Buffy's *Up Where We* Belong album is a collection of new versions of the songs that made her name. As well as featuring the award-winning title track, familiar from the film An Officer and a Gentleman, it takes us back to the early 1970s when she had a Top Ten hit with Soldier Blue and Elvis Presley recorded her melancholy Until It's Time For

You To Go: But the album is not the only fruit of her creativity. "I have lots of paint-ings on display and galleries in says proudly.
"They're big ali digital, all

to use a tape years since I

recorder 9 got my first Macintosh." The Sainte-Marie computer is rarely the Junos, the Canadian dormant, since it also pro-vides the palette for her recordings. She sees no incongruity in songs

tion such as Universal Soldier and Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee undergoing a digital revival. That's like use a tane recorder because it comes from the world of technology," she says. "As children, we don't distin-

guish whether we're playor playing with

Sainte-Marie. 55 next week, returned to recording in 1991 after leaving it in the 1970s to raise her son and to add another string to her overloaded bow as a Sesame Street comeback record, Coinci-dence and Like-Stories. showed that her advantaged was

undimmed.

Now a teach-

lack of harmonic nourish-

Cities or the seismic overload

of Storm, with its bass drum



Digital direction: Sainte-Marie is happy to use high-tech resources

Well, hello, merry Lou, goodbye art

MARIA McKEE Life Is Sweet The New Album Released 12th February

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NEW ALBUMS: An upbeat Lou Reed returns to solo duties; plus high-grade hardcore from Daye Clarke

the jokey rocker Egg Cream to the earnest pseudo-soul of Hang on to your Emotions further disguises the craft that goes into Reed's work, and even the more ambitious, sub-Hendrix pyrotechnics of Rip Tide tend to sound as if they have been rather casually knocked out. He will need to make a more

conspicuous effort if he is ever to produce another record as outstanding as New York, but this is fine for now.

DAVE CLARKE Archive One (Deconstruction/BMG 7432)

BESIDES elevating the DJ/producer from an ancillary tole to that of performer in his own right, the most

ised studio technology is the way in which it has enabled the most sophisticated operators to break music down into its most primitive components.

Dave Clarke knows this better than most. A DJ from Brighton working in a field. roughly similar to that of hardcore techno acts such as Moby and the Chemical Brothers, Clarke has fash-ioned Archive One, a monu-mental debut propelled almost entirely by stark, minimalist percussion loops, laced with forbidding sound effects and disorientating shards of noise.

Apart from the gothic, orchestral-synth introduction Rhapsody in Red, only one track, Miles Away, could be

said to boast a tune, and even that soon withers away from

The Bends Radiohead (Partophone)
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Life Simply Red (East West)

banging like a fist on a door while a synth simulates the sound of a swarm of bees. Elsewhere, odd snippers of speech contribute to the neurotic tension of No One's Driving - That's the way the government planned it/Raped and pillaged every one on the Undoubtedly an acquired taste, the album is neverthe-

less stunning; a race into the future that is likely to induce whiplash among the unwary.

MARIA MCKEE Life is Sweet (Geffen GED 24819)

IN A career dogged by a series of identity crises, Maria McKee has finally come out as a bit of a wild child, now that Courtney, Tori and all the others have made it fashionable. Unfortunately, as with her previous attempts to play the roles of roots-rocker and sensitive singer songwiner:

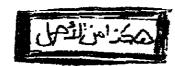
ring combination of loud guitar — played by McKee in a brash, angular style con-sciously influenced by the late Mick Ronson - and orchesment. More typical is the ingeniously interlinked percussion and syncopated handclaps of Tale of Two tral arrangements, songs such as Scarlover and I'm Not Listening tester on the brink of hysteria. But scratch the surface drama and there is a lack of substance at the core. .

> VARIOUS ARTISTS Trainspotting (EMI Premier 37190)

NATURALLY, no film that plumbs unspeakable depths of drug-induced depravity would be complete without a brilliant pop soundtrack - and here it is it boasts previously unreleased tracks by Pulp, Leftfield, Primal Scream, Sleeper and Damon Albam along with more familiar delicacies by New Order (Temptation), Elastica (2-1) and Blur (Sing) and a handful of standards including Lou Reed's Perfect Day and Iggy Pop's Lust for Life:

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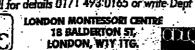
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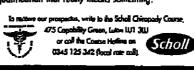
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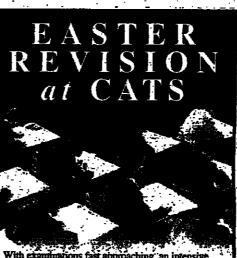
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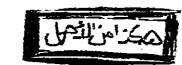
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EDUCATION



Ome say that it was the University of Life which made them what they are. You could say that Austin Mitchell is a graduate of the University

Technically he is a graduate with a BA and MA from Manchester University (allowed in "by mistake") and Oxford (where he gained his PhD after getting in "through the back door"). But it was the wave of protest over the disastrous invasion of 1956 which ultimately got him where he is, which is Labour MP for Great Grimsby and the only person in television's Annie's Bar with a witty line.

"I was a perennial student," he says, "but I drifted into university. l went to Bingley Grammar School, West Yorkshire. Most of my contemporaries went into the wool trade and later became

In the first of a series on celebrities and their universities, Jonathan Sale hears a story of dramatic political conversion

Austin Mitchell, the graduate of Suez

job at Baildon Combing, so I

stayed on at school. "I did quite well at examinations and got a state scholarship. No one from our school had gone to Oxford or Cambridge but the headmaster said: "You might try Oxford; go to the library and get the university calendar out." I looked at the prospectus but it was all about colleges and I didn't understand a word, so in 1952 I went to Manchester University. They accepted me by mistake."
Accidentally allowed in without the obligatory Latin O level, he had to take it during his first year. "I liked Manchester. It was utilitarian, homely (that is, they

intellectual). I was in a hall of residence. Montgomery House, It as a very religious place, a YMCA. We thought ourselves riotous but I don't remember getting drunk. I missed out on the so-called character-building aspeers of university life. I used to go rather pathetically to Saturday night hops where they had the Northern Dance Orchestra, and to rag balls. If there was a uniform, it was corduroy and Harris tweed.

"I was an obnoxious little swot," he declares. "I wanted to go on and become an academic." After a year of French he switched to the three-year history degree, folenough, the future television prerevolutionary. He came from a Tory working-class family, became a Liberal and did not join the Labour Party until his final year. He spent the summer of 1956 working - and arguing - in a Co-op biscuit factory with Paul Rose, an enthusiastic Marxist who later became a Labour MP.

"It was a late conversion," he says. It was vastly strengthened by the Conservative Government's 'monstrous" decision to invade Egypt's canal zone. "Suez was the most spectacular event of the Fifties. It was very exciting for a generation of undergraduates which hadn't been in the war.

He did end up in Oxford, at Jesus, after all. "Through the back door," he says, although being a PhD student sounds very much like a front-door entry.

He followed his history supervisor, Gaitskell biographer Phillip Williams, to Nuffield College, a marvellous swapshop of ideas presided over by David Butler, the

"Oxford was exotically privileged and I reacted adversely. I felt like the Porterhouse Blue character who shoves inflated contraceptives up the chimney." One of his undergraduate contemporaries was whipped out of his history degree course to "inherit" his daddy's safe seat in Parliament. What with lecturing and working in television, Austin Mitchell himself took rather longer to make it to Annie's Bar and, indeed. Annie's Bar.

Does a Jewish education work?

Rabbi Julia Neuberger reflects on the implications of a

startling report into the attitudes of British Jewry

comprehensive survey of the social and political attitudes of the British Jewish community was published yesterday to launch the Institute for Jewish Policy Research. It makes fascinating reading.

One of the findings in particular should bring joy to The Times's Editor and writers. The Times comes out as the broadsheet paper most widely read by the Jewish community - 15 per cent of the sample read it.

The research also illustrates a growing sector of British Jews who feel firmly and securely rooted in British society, who do not regard themselves as living in "exile" of any kind, do not believe Jews are more tolerant than anyone else, nor that Jews behave in such a way as to cause hostility to be directed towards them...

The survey shows that the rate of male intermarriage with non-Jewish women is as high as 44 per cent . in the crucial younger ages (under 40). And it reveals that Jews are more likely to identify with the Jewish community through their attachment to religious ritual than through their religious faith.

These figures, the result of the largest survey of self-identifying Jews ever carried out in this country, will force the leaders of the Jewish community to look again at how to strengthen that community. Though aware of the intermarriage rate, we have not welcomed non-



Rabbi Julia Neuberger

partner of a mixed marriage, thus losing yet another family: Though we have suspected that

people identify with ritual rather than with faith, we have not thought creatively about how to build on this to strangelless our community. Our, synagogues in particular have been slow to widen the range of services they provide. Hence it should be no surprise that one in three people identifying member of a synagogue at all, even though that was how one associated with the community in the past.

But the most startling conclusion of all is that the great nostrum against assimilation valued by all today's community leaders, Jewish schooling (and specifically Jewish day-school education), makes very little difference to whether Jews associate with the community in Jewish spouses. Rather, we have later life. It is family background, tended to exclude the Jewish-born the social and religious dynamics of the family, that are the determi-nants of Jewish life choices.

This is important. The Jewish community now has one in six children in Jewish day-school edu-cation. The argument has been that this will halt the decline of the community. Even my own nonorthodox community has followed this path with Akiva School, and another is set to follow. But the evidence is not there. It is family that matters, not Jewish schooling. Added to that there are moral arguments against sectarian edu-

Children who will grow up in a multi-faith community should learn to live together, and they can only learn that by being at school ther. That does not mean that gious education should be excluded from schools, as Americans Have it: Religion is too important a part of life to be excluded from schools, and some understanding of it should be part of general education. But religious education should be about religions, rather themselves as Jewish is not a than indoctrination in any one

The 1988 Education Act was wrong in making religious educa-tion and assemblies broadly Christian. Children should be encouraged to explore their own religions, and hear about other

It is parents who should do the religious indoctrination. The Institute for Jewish Policy Research suggests that schools are ineffective in building up a sense of religious



The most startling conclusion is that Jewish schooling has little bearing on whether Jews associate with their community in later life

identity and religious commitment. The Jewish experience suggests that it is parents and the wider family, rather than the schools, who can succeed in doing this.

We ought therefore to re-examine separatist education tendencies, and think more about how families can best inculcate religious loyalties and values, instead of leaving the task to the schools. Indeed, some evidence suggests that sectar-ian education is actively harmful. It can lead to sectarian tensions, or at

least extend their life, as Northern Ireland has shown. The Jewish experience is not unique. Roman Catholic education in Britain and America has failed to increase association with Catholicism. People "lapse", irrespective of their

The emphasis on educational remedies may arise because it is much easier to establish sectarian schools than to influence behaviour in the home. More work needs to be done on Jewish family patterns, to

understand how the family dynamics strengthen Jewish identity. We need to think of ways of encourag-ing families to celebrate festivals in the home such as Passover, because children will remember it and associate with it, when they have forgotten the Hebrew they learnt at

Wasserstein and Norman Cantor warn of a collapse of Diaspora Jewry. This is reinforced by today's

wider community, not by narrow retreat into the ghetto of sectarian education. It means being braver about what Jews stand for, braver about our attitude to social justice, intermarriage, and general education, and, now that we are confident in our Britishness, braver about standing up for other minorities, arguing that they too can make a contribution to the wider society. evidence. How acute the danger is

Susan Elkin says children should attempt serious drama and music productions

t does not matter now talented or otherwise you L are at drama, music or backstage work; if, in your youth, you took part in any kind of school production it will be ingrained in your memory as one of the high spots of your schooldays.

No doubt you learnt much from it too. For me it was singing in Benjamin Britten's Nove's Fludde, playing the violin in an inter-schools performance of Haydn's The Creation under Sir David Willcocks and being part of a sort of Greek chorus in a dramatised version of Dylan Thomas's Holiday Memory (When the sun declared war on the butter, and the butter ran. . . ")

Few things offer as much cross-curricular educational enhancement as putting on a play, concert or show. We hear a deal about the value of teamwork these days. The proponents are usually blinkered advocates of more team games and sport. But productions offer a valuable chance to be a team member 100. Only last term I watched a moving and commendably ambitious school production of Arthur Miller's Auschwitz play Play attended many rehearsals ing for Time intimately performed by a large, all-female cast in a small space. The sense of cohesion among aciors and technicians was palpable. Lucky girls to have been given that opportunity.

Plays do wonders for selfesteem too. It is fashionable to knock the concept of selfesteem as an excuse for selfish, hedonistic amorality: simplisric nonsense, of course. Those with a healthy sense of selfesteem are mentally balanced. at ease with themselves and the world. A young person can achieve near miracles of personal development through a anon — to argue for an unrelieved diet of large-scale dramatisation of lan Serail- Americana which will

Do put your pupils on the stage...

lier's The Silver Sword a few years ago. In the course of rehearsals our stage manager, a mouse of a 12-year-old child whom we had, to our shame, hardly noticed previously, emerged from the ranks. She was a natural and became totally indispensable to the whole project. The Silver Sword was a major turning point for that girl - she blossomed progressively

And what about getting to know the work of important playwrights and composers? There is no substitute for the internal perspective you get from taking part in a play when it comes to understanding what it is all about. My son had a one-line part as a citizen in a whole-school production of Romeo and Juliet when he was about 14 -- a tiny contribution, but it meant that he which has left him with a permanent in depth knowledge of the play.

That is why the choice of play is so important. I despair of schools get a look in.

which seem to alternate between Bugsy Malone and Grease - with Annie thrown in occasionally for light relief - because that is the current fashionable rut. Little of any real, lasting worth seems to It is all very well for head teachers — pragmatic eyes on the prospect of income gener-

about the educational experience of the performers and back-stage crew? A school's prime responsibility is to the education of its pupils - not to the entertainment of the local

dreadful dearth of anything much else that is worthwhile. Who is performing Shaw, Ibsen, Chekhov, Bolt and Shaffer — to name but a handful of "greats".

Why aren't schools having a community. Why aren't schools having a Although a few schools still go at quality operatta and attempt Shakespeare occa-

An unchanging diet of Grease will teach very little

opera? I know of one prep school and one city technology college which produced Gil-bert and Sullivan operas in 1995 - The Pirates of Penzance and Ruddigore, respectively - but that is rare today. It is a great opportunity missed too. Not only are they part of our heritage but they are accessible, very funny and, incidentally, a good source of British social history.

And as for musicals, yes of course there is no reason why schools shouldn't do one occasionally in the interests of variety. But why does it almost always have to be American? The lazy throat croon is ugly, the diaphragm is a no-go zone and it is all churned into a "mid-Atlantic" accent. What is the matter with My Fair Lady or The Sound of Music? Are they ignored because they are too clean and straightforward? What an indictment of the way we always tend to give children what we have conditioned them (and their parents?) to think they want.

ost worrying are the schools who don't put on drama and music productions at all. Sadly the strikes and withdrawal of goodwill by large numbers of teachers in the mid-Eighties have left a long legacy. In some cases lack of commitment to extracurricular activities - sports matches, trips. plays - has become a habit and, unfortunately, part of the flavour of the school.

Far from being just a bit of window dressing, school pro-ductions are vital to the enhancement of the education of pupils. Every child should have the opportunity of being part of a school play. There should be lots of them happening in every school so that the children experience a really

A new door opens for classroom 'failures'

Pass rates in public examinations may be rising year by year, but still as many as one teenager in 12 is leaving school without qualifications. With Sir Ron Dearing due to report next month on provision for the 16-19 age group, a little-noticed initiative in Wales may be

timely. The Principality is launching a new qualification called the Certificate of Educational Achievement (CEA) for non-academic 16-year-olds. Courses designed for the 7 to 8 per cent of pupils unable to pass GCSE will begin next September. The first of them will be examined in the summer of 1998.

Virtually all secondary and special schools in Wales and Northern Ireland will enter pupils, and it is expected that up to 1,000 schools in England will also participate. The reasons for such interest, according to Brian Rogers, CEA coordinator at the Welsh Joint Education Council (WJEC), is that the qualification is not a meaningless piece of paper.

"Instead of leaving school bored and empty-handed. these pupils would have gained a qualification they can present to employers," Mr Rogers says. "At the same time, they will be motivated rather than disenchanted and their self-esteem will have been raised."

The CEA builds on the previous success of the Certificate of Education, a qualification developed by Mid-Gla-morgan LEA in 1984. Subsequently adopted by the WJEC, was opened to pupils across the Principality and later successfully marketed in Northern Ireland and England. But the Certificate of Educa**Iola Smith**

reports on a Welsh initiative to launch a new qualification

tion has come to the end of its useful life. Both the WJEC and Wales's Curriculum and Assessment Authority regard the old qualification as unsuitable to meet the needs of the revised national curriculum. It is therefore being abolished.

Unlike the old certificate, the CEA is stringently targeted. According to Roderick Rich-

> 'It will raise some pupils' self-esteem and they will leave school motivated'

ards, Education Minister for Wales, it is designed specifically for those pupils who failed to reach level three (which is expected of the average nineyear-old) in national curriculum subjects at age 14.

That does not mean, however, that pupils will be prevented from sitting a mixture of GCSEs and CEAs. For example, pupils likely to achieve GCSE grade G in

GCSE level, in combination with, say, science and maths at CEA level.

may be a matter of dispute. But 1

believe that we can halt the decline.

The solution has to be within the

Other pupils will be able to sit all their exams at CEAlevel, while youngsters whose schools are uncertain whether they could pass GCSE may be entered for both qualifications. That way they can at least achieve a CEA.

The content of CEA courses will often parallel GCSE in many respects. For example, in English pupils will study Shakespeare (although perhaps focusing more on video interpretations) and their reading lists will be shorter than the GCSE.

Wales's Curriculum and Assessment Authority expects that up to 31 subject options will be available at CEA-level. They will include all national curriculum subjects, plus additional modern languages such as Spanish and Japanese. together with studies in topics such as childcare, textiles and

onsiderable emphasis will be placed on coursework and schoolbased assessment, and it is expected that pupils who pass CEA will be graded on three levels. The grades' names have yet to be confirmed, but they are likely to be pass, merit and distinction.

The WJEC is convinced that CEA's great strength is its role as a stepping-stone to further educational achievement. By 1998 it will be accepted as an entry qualification by further education colleges, and it is expected that students armed with CEAs will be able to build on their knowledge to achieve further vocational or academic

SPORT

Mastering the art of encouraging new talent

t has been suggested that if the Arts Council stopped evaluating the work of clients who approached it for funds, sacked its team of properly-paid experts and sold its London headquarters, a part-time worker sitting be-hind a cheque book in a room in Houndsditch could meet to is "winners managing most of the demands that are winners, is a sort of at present considered, ashurrah/booh outfit. sessed and refused.

Modahl takes

first steps on

comeback trail

By David Powell, athletics correspondent

I thought of that when I took a train to Twyford to visit Masters International . . . who have announced the award of four £5,000 annual bursaries under its Sports Career Counselling Scheme. I also thought about letting them counsel me, but decided against it.

Once upon a time there were agents who did deals and took a percentage. Now there are

THE first public indication

that Diane Modahl intends to

resume her international ath-

letics career was offered on

Wednesday night when she

appeared without notice in a

low-key, four-mile road race

around the home of Derby

County Football Club, the Baseball Ground. Modahl may be facing financial ruin.

but she is not destitute yet.

"She paid her 52 entry fee,"

David Denton, the event

launched High Court proceed-

ings against the British Athlet-

ic Federation (BAF) for "a

substantial six-figure sum" in

compensation for losses aris-

ing from her suspension for an alleged drugs offence. By the

evening, she was experiencing

that feeling of pinning on a

number again, for the first

time in 18 months. In a mixed

field of 26, she finished tenth

overall, setting a women's course record 22min 56sec.

lete's husband, is angry that

the federation has, in his view.

made no attempt to help to

rehabilitate her from the trau-

ma of failing a drugs test. A

BAF appeals panel overturned

pending a ruling from the

International Amateur Athlet-

Vicente Modahl, the ath-

That afternoon, Modahl

organiser, said.

managements who do deals, ders Forsbrand, Tony take percentages and operate Johnstone, Helen Wadsworth, take percentages and operate a "hands-on" approach to their customers: not just guiding them in their careers, but preparing them for life after stardom - planning finance. education, work experience and future employment. Masters International, whose mot-

It is headed by the 36th richest man in Britain. Hurrah. He made his money as a tobacco trader and arms deal-

His clients include leuan Evans (hurrah) and Mike Catt (booh). Allan Donald (hurrah)

and Graeme Hick (booh).

Enough of that. They also

have Michael Campbell, An-

his wife's standard had not

been extended to her since the

appeal panel cleared her. Such

athletes may be entitled to

grants and medical support

penny towards training or

been told she is entitled to medical care," Modahl

said. "She is not treated

Tony Ward, the BAF

spokesman, said: There is

still a good deal of uncertainty

about Diane's future partici-

pation at international level,

so you cannot expect the

federation to grant funds."

"Diane has not received one

for treatment of injuries.

equally."

Emma Carrick Anderson Gary Kasparov and Paul Adams - the South African who is in India bowling Chinamen to Arabs.. John Bredenkamp cap-

tained Rhodesia at rugby foot-ball, went on to create the fifthlargest tobacco company in the world, sold out for nine figures and founded Masters in 1994. It's headquarters is a Georgian mansion near Reading, a mansion that was once the home of Lady Palmer of Huntley & fame.

He has a private Gulfstream jet, had arrived in it that morning from New York having picked up his wife in Florida and it was hard to suppress the thought that the cost of the journey could



ON FRIDAY athletes. Let us examine what he has done, for it is wholly commendable and were others

in the arenas of world sport. He has supported: Marcus Adams, age 28,

to emulate his example we

might hold our heads higher

gold medal-winner, but stalled since 1993 with an Achilles tendon injury. Sarah Bailey, 18, distin-

guished Paralympic Games medal-winner, and winner of ten gold medals at a British Sports Association for the Disabled senior event last year, now preparing for the 1996 Games in Atlanta. Trevor Campbell, Manchester Giants under-23

basketball player with a

Will Greenwood, son of Richard Greenwood who captained England at rugby football; the 24-year-old works for a financial services company who treat him well, but he has to take unpaid leave to play. has been selected to join the England training squad. "His continue to play and keep him in meaningful employment." It is an eclectic list, chosen by Jim Cochrane, chairman of the British Schools Lawn Ten-

nis Association and Geoff Thompson, former world heavyweight karate champion, using the principles of the Youth Charter for Sport, selecting from northwest

It will be fascinating to see how these folk reward the investment. It will be argued into the night whether this £20,000 bounty is the most beneficial way of achieving national success, or whether a number of younger, less advantaged, promising athletes in the same disciplines might have been a better pilot project.

they flourish. In Lady Palmer's old home, which is now as lushly appointed as any office in the land, executives work to further their clients' ambition: Kasparov wants to go into politics, they are creating for him a smart-casual image via commercials for designer clothes and non-Lada cars.

They are also combating Mike Catt's proneness to hapless remarks like "I'll kick Rob Andrew into touch." They told me he actually meant "I have tremendous admiration for Mr Andrew but I, too, am able to convert penalties". A professional journalist has been employed by the management to sit down and advise the England full back on the dangers of spontaneous

Contrasting

fortunes

for rising

talents

A MOMENT of fame can be a

double-edged sword. It can either lift your confidence to

new heights or weigh you down so you sink like a stone.

The two newcomers to fame in

Dubai, Karel Novacek and

Sandon Stolle, were at opposite ends of the spectrum

yesterday (Alix Ramsay

Novacek wilted under the

serving power of Goran Ivanisevic while Stolle battled

through to the quarter-finals against Andrei Cherkasov.

Novecek's fame was acquired

for all the wrong reasons -today he will learn how far the

drug allegations against him

have proceeded — and, against the No 4 seed, the

pressure showed. At first he

was outplayed, then he fought back briefly, but eventually lost 6-3, 7-5. "He was not as

confident as he was before."

Stolle did not let the after-

effects of Wednesday's win

over Thomas Muster slow

him down. As the son of Fred

Stolle, he has seen his share of

life as a tennis professional.

His father would not allow

any slacking when Sandon

was growing up. "But it's better to have a father who is

hard on you than one-who

ily I have been around a lot of

good tennis players." All of

which should stand him in

"And coming from my fam-

said Ivanisevic.

MIKE CATT, the England full back, replaces Jonathan Callard, the man he ousted from the national team, as the Bath full back to play Wasps in the Courage Clubs Championship tomorrow. Catt, the former Bath stand-off half, recently declared his intention of challenging for the new club position in an attempt to

bolster his England career. Callard missed four out of six kicks in the Pilkington Cup victory over Wakefield last Saturday, while Catt was playing for the Bath second team.
John Hall, the club manager,
said: "Jon's kicking is vital to
his selection and we felt that it has not been as good as it usually is. Mike had a very good game for the United and we are picking week by week.

Bath favour

Catt instead

of Callard

at full back

Still no joy

Bowis: Joyce Lindores, the women's world indoor champion from Scotland, lost to Stephen Rees, of Wales, 2-7, 7-6, 7-2, 5-7, 7-1 in the first round of the Churchill Insurance world indoor singles championship in Preston yesterday. A woman has yet to win a match in this event.

Rusedski march

Tennis: Greg Rusedski, the British No I and seventh seed, served ten aces on his way to a 6-1, 6-3 victory over Richard Fromberg, of Australia, in the first round of the Sybase Open in San Jose, California.

Solheim captain

Golf: Judy Rankin, 51, is the new captain of the United States, Solheim Cup team for the biennial match against Europe in September. She succeeds JoAnne Carner, who led the Americans to victory in 1994 but resigned recently.

Group rivals

Rugby union: England, the world cup sevens champions, have been drawn in the same group as Scotland for the Hong Kong tournament next month. Argentina and Singapore complete group B.

No practice

Skiing: Heavy snow and poor visibility led to the cancellation of practice for the downhill races at the world championships in Sierra Ne-

Modahl has not entered yet for the British Olympic trials in June. "She has been through a trauma and is struggling to know whether she is going to compete," her husband said. On Wednesday. Modahi said she faced "financial ruin". Denton, a former Great Britain cross country selector, was impressed by her run. "If

you put her in a decent 10k race in five or six weeks, I would have thought she could run 33 to 34 minutes." he said. The Flora London Marathon announced yesterday of the New York City Marais free to compete worldwide, thon for the past two years, would face Dionicio Cerón, his fellow Mexican and defending champion, in this year's race

Modahl said that privileges accorded to British athletes of racing champion, and the car in which he will start his Ferrari career were the focus of attention as the team launched Designed by a Briton, John Barnard, the car looks from the front more like a jet fighter but. despite its appearance, Schumacher was not moved to change his belief that he will not retain his title.

said. "But I have to be realistic. We are starting something new here." The German, who won the title driving for Benetion last year, added: "I spent 412 We'd achieved everything together and I needed a new motivation here." Luca di Montezemelo, the president of Ferrari, said: "Let's say now that we will win three races this year, but remember "I am not downplaying my chances." he that Keke Rosberg won the champion-

ship in 1932 with just one." Damon Hill, Schumacher's principal rival last season. was fastest during practice in Estoril, Portugal, yesterday. Hill, driving his new Williams-Renault, recorded a lap of lmin 21.64sec. The Briton completed 27 laps of the 2.701-mile circuit. Rubens Barrichello, of Brazil, was the second-fastest in his Jordan-Peugeot, with a best time of lmin 22.59sec from 67 laps.

good stead in the seed-free half

Wednesday's late results
FA CUP: Fourth round: Bolton Wanderers
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Port Vale in fifth round). Fourth sound
replays: Ginnaby Town 3 West Ham United
0 (Ginnaby Town at home to Chelsea in fifth
round); Manchester City 2 Covertry City 1
(Manchester City away to Manchester
United in fifth round); Port Vale 2 Evertan 1
(Port Vale away to Leeds United in fifth
round).

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to St Johnstone in fourth round)
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division: String Albion 2 Ayr United 0.
Third division: Cowdenbeeth 0 Brothin 0.
UNIBCHO LEAGUE: Unitide Cup: Second
round replay; Altreton 3 Asthon 0.
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FAI HARP LAGER CUP: Second round replay: Covid Home Farm 0.
AVON INSURANCE COMERNATION: First division: Luton Town 2 Brighton 0; Norwich Cay 1 Brastol Cay 1; Southampton 1 Crystal Palace 0: Wardedown 0 Swindon Town 3, Milwell 0: Tottenham Hotspur 2 Postponed: Iprwich Town v Charlton Athletic Odord United V West Ham United. Second division: Newport AFC 1 Chellenham 0 (abandoned). Swemsea Cdy 4 Certiff Cay 3.

(abandoneo). Swansea Cdy 4 Carron Chy 3
PONTHNS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Sheffield Wednesday 0 Notis County
1, Tranmere Rovers 4 Wolverherington
Wanderser 1 Second division: Hut Cdy 0
Rotherhem United 1, York Cdy 0 Blackpool
3; Burnlay 0 Middlesbrough 3 Third
division: Lincoln Cdy 1 Chesterield 1:
Sounthorpe United 0 Doncaster Rovers 1;
Shrevistury Town 2 Darlington 0; Walsei
1 Scarborough 1; Wigan Athletic 2
Bury 2.

Bury 2. Jewson Wessex League: First divi-

TODAY'S FOTURES

Under-21 international (at Swanses, 1.30) Representative match Wates Univ v Scotland Univ (at Pontypool)

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Abertillery v Glamorgan Wanderers
Brudgerd v Stirling County
Cross Keys v Oalvitale
Landovery v Narberth
Landit v Boroughmat
Llantharan v Aberavoo
Maesteg v Maesteg Celtie
Newport v Glasgow HK
Peruarth v Univ College of Wales
Pontypridd v Dundee HSFP
Swansea v Pontypool (7.15)
Treorchy v Borymaen

FOOTBALL

OTHER SPORT.

BOWLS: Churchill Insurance world indoor SNOCKER: Swester Shop Interrectional Open (Swindon). TENNIS: LTA men's salelite tournamer (Chigwell): LTA women's salelite tour nament (Shefilate)

PHOTO MICE CARD vada. Spain, yesterday.

HEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

This Refresher illustrates a good defensive point - if you need your partner to hold a specific card to beat the contract, play him for it. The problem looks trivial when you see all the cards, but a good player went wrong at the table. Concentrate on West's

Dealer South Game all ÷AJ4 +10863 **₽**AQJ85 ± 10 9 8 5 N ÷762 WASS **▼109753** •AKJ2 + Q 4 +632 +KQ8 **7KJ42**

♣ K 10 4 Contract: 3NT by South Lead: ace of diamonds

South opened 1 NT (12-14) and North raised to 3 NT. On the first trick East played the four of diamonds perforce, and West had to decide what to do. The four of diamonds was consistent with a holding of 974 and without much thought West continued with another top diamond. That was the end of the defence.

What West should have done was work out what East could have in the way of high cards. Dumny and West have 26 points between them, and That means that East has at most two points, and the only useful two he can have is the queen of diamonds. If East's two-point holding is the queen of spades. South will have enough tricks, by way of five clubs, two spades and two hearts (he must have the jack of hearts to make up his twelve points). So it was clear West should have continued with a

low diamond at trick two playing his partner to hold the only card that would beat the

Notice by the way that playing a high diamond at trick two wouldn't have done any good if South had had the doubleton queen - South would be bound to guess correctly if West played a third round, as an opening lead of ace from AKJ is more likely than from AKXX.

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

AUTO-DA-FÉ a. An electric car b. Suicide

c. Holy burning NULLIBIETY a Bachelordom

ENCHIRIDON a. A mythical serpent b. A gauntlet د A handbook LUMBRICOID

a. Greasy b. With a big bottom c. Like an earthworm b. Being nowhere c. Inertia. in Ayrshire



29 Qd4

Kh7

CHESS CORRESPONDENT Computer deadlock

BY RAYMOND KEENE

After four games of the match between Garry Kasparov and IBM's Deep Blue computer the score is still level. Game four was drawn after Kasparov squandered an early advantage with the rash advance 22 f5. Thereafter, the computer gained immense even had to sacrifice rook for knight in the latter stages of the contest to maintain the balance.

White: Garry Kasparov Black: Deep Blue Philadelphia, February 1996

Semi-Slav Defence 1 N/3 2 d4 Nbd7 6 Bd3 Nhe4 h6

7 e4 10 0-0 11 Bc2 12 Re1 excl4 17 Ræ3 Be6 Oc8

RdB 31 Kh1 Qc7 Q68 Nd3 37 Oh4 Orb2 S:D 39 Rc7 43 Oxe5 Re8 Q16 44 Qf4 46 Bg6-48 Kh2 49 Bh5 60 Bq6 Draw agreed

Diagram of final position

Polgar leads

After ten games of their sixteen game match for the world women's championship, Zsuzsa Polgar (Hungary) leads Xie Jun of China by 6½ to 3½.

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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

26 Rxc4

White to play and mate in two moves. This position completes a week celebrating the problems composed by the teenage chess prodigy Lilian Baird. She composed this position in 1896, when 15 years old. The black king has tremendous but White can nevertheless force mate in two moves. Can you see

N.

(Ulir) at 1sec; 3, F Baldato (ft); 4, E van Hooydonck (Bel); 5, S Dejongh (Hoti); 6, M Smazzar (ti) all same time. Overall positi-lone: 1, Svorada (C2) 1:48:48; 2, Tchmil et Ssec; 3, F Baldato (ti) 7

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): New Jorsey 88 Indiana 87: Detroit 102 Philadelphia 83: Charlotte 120 New York 100; Seattle 130 Mirresotte 93; Vercouver 93 Sacramento 86; Golden State 108 Boston 103; LA Lakers 87 Atlanta 86 NATIONAL CUP: Semi-finals, excond legs: London Towers 99 Birmingham Buflets 77 (London wn 176-156 on agg); Sheffield Sharks 74 Crystal Palace 88 (Sheffield win 144-131 on agg). BOWLS PRESTON: Churchill Insurance world Indoor championships: Singles: First round: G Hailow (Eng) bi M McMahon (HK) 7-6, 7-6, 5-7, 2-7, 7-3, 4 Welch ("Cuernsey) bi R Brassey (NZ) 3-7, 7-5, 5-7, 7-1, 7-4; M Nng (Eng) bi S Goddy (NZ) 7-3, 7-5, 7-8; S Ress (Wales) bi J Lindores (Soot) 2-7, 7-6, 7-2, 5-7, 7-1

BASKETBALL

SUNDERLAND: European feetherweight championship: Billy Herdy (Sundestend, holder) or Michael Allds. (Crawley), En-Middleweight Jee Townsky (Glasgore) bit Seamus Casey (Streton), pts. (Devey Maw (Sundestand) bit Ray Crapperfield (Bury), at: Middler: Dave Radford (Hemsworth) ko Davey Johnson (Boldon), 5th md Welfer: Deen Nictroias (South Shields) bit Shaun O'Nell (Sundestand), pts. Light-middler: Cray Wirter (Vales) bit Mark Cohool (Herriespool), pts.

CRESTA RUN ARIS VATIMBELLA CUP: 1, C Felder Switzi 152 90, 2, G Bruchwier (Switz) 155 47; 3, A Boyd-Gábbins (CB) 155 45.

CRICKET RAWALPINO: World Cup: Group B: Postponed: South Africa v Linted Arab Postponed: South Africa v Linead Arab Entrates. SHEFFIELD SHEELD (third day of four; Perfit; Oveensland 154 and 237 (M Love St. J. Angel 5-45), Western Australa 207 (T Mootly 59) and 73-0 Melbourne; South Australia 309 (T Nelson 115, P Nebes 85, and 183-5 Victoria 519-7 dec (M Elicit 200,) Hantry 135).

CYCLING

TOUR OF THE MEDITERRANEAN: First stage (92km, Carcassonna-Bazara), 1. J Srovada (Cz) Thr 49min 66aec; 2, A Tchmil

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PORTUGUESE CUP: Such round replay: Benfice 3 Farense 0.
GERMAN LEAGUE: Cologne 0 Fortune Dissection 0.
FRIENCH CUP: Second round: Montpeller 2 Istes 1; Blenod 1 Le Havre 1 (ast; Blenod won 4-3 on pens).
ITALIAN CUP: Semi-final, first leg: Botogra 1 Atsiants 1.
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eggi. BRAZILIAN LEAGUE: São Paulo champ-lorathir São Paulo 0 Palmeiras 2. FA YOUTH CUP: Fourth round: Hereford

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Boston 3 Hariford 0: Los Angeles 2 Buffelo 2 (OT): Philadelphia 4 Flords 2: Toronto 4 Sen Jose 3: Edmonton 3 Anaheim 2 BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Newcastle 5 Duham 9. First division: Billingham 8 Tellord 6; Bracinel 5 Manchester 8. RUGBY LEAGUE

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Cormoly (Migan), A Flynn (Cassidord), S
Farrell (Migan), A Flynn (Cassidord), S
Faugliton (Wigan), M Fearmon (Featherstone Rovers), N Pintoney (Keighley), K
Radinski (Migan), P Scutthrope (Warmyton), T Smith (Castidord), R Smyth
(Migan), M Wood (Keighley)
SCOTLAND: C Shrimens (Edinburgh), D
Shelflord (Fuddersfield), A Covean (Cidham), G Thompson (Watsoniers), M
Berdon (Edinburgh University), A Blee
Loughborough University), D Mardon (Edinburgh University), S Gillimore
(University), D Shaw (London
Broncos), S Cueact (Broughton Red
Rosa), B McGinty (Workington).

RUGBY UNION

Panick S Am v Sharrook (7.45); Athlone v Galvey (8.0).

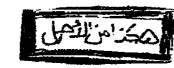
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BASKETBALL: Butwelser Leaguer Br. mingham v Locaster (7.30); London v Shelfield (8.15);

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WHU MIDWEEK COMPETITION: Pool B: Nation of Durivant 38.

LA CLUSAZ, France: Freestyle World Cup: Moguts: Mer: 1, J-L Brassard (Carl) 26 08cs; 2, T Berson (US) 25.30; 3, L Not (Fr) 25.15. Women: 1, D Weinbrecht (US) 24.30; 2, T Mittermayer (Ger) 24.03; 3, M Kartiu (Fri) 23.95.



THUNDERER

UTTOXETER

1.45 Debutante Days, 2.20 PfLKINGTON (nap), 2.50 Lets Rumble, 3.25 Queen Of Spades, 3.55 Bcb's Ploy, 4.30 Bell Staffboy, 5.00 French Holly, Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.55 ROLFE.

1.45 HEARTLANDS CENTRAL JUVENILE HOVICES

WOODLANDS LAD TOO JOF P Prochard !! LOVE THE SILES 130F O Nicholson 10-7

8-1 December Days, 7-2 (pay Toe Sturs, 4-1 In Good Fath, 8-7 Daily Boy, 6-1 December, 8-1 Feb Febrer, 10-1 Remadess, Consuma, 12-1 others.

2.20 CANNOCK TOWN CENTRE HOVICES HURDLE

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7 3-13 CELTE TCARE 25 (F.S) 0 Segment 8-11-10. J.A. MacDardoy 83 2 0-51 rki65 WAY 22 (5) J Selectic 6-11-10 . A. MacDardoy 59 2 0-51 rki65 WAY 22 (5) J Selectic 6-11-10 . A. MacDardoy 59 2 0-53 00 Et PANE 13 (B) Mar; J Porton 8-11-4 . Mar P Hensiy 65 (5) 5 2 105 SAN GLORGIO 30 (F.S) N Vector-Davec 7-11-4 C Libertilya 7 1-7 10 SAN GLORGIO 30 (F.S) N Vector-Davec 7-11-4 C Libertilya 7 1-7 10 SAN GLORGIO 30 (F.S) N Vector-Davec 7-11-4 C Libertilya 7 1-7 10 SAN GLORGIO 30 (F.S) N Vector-Davec 7-11-4 C Libertilya 7 1-7 10 SAN GLORGIO 30 (F.S) N Vector-Davec 7-11-4 C Libertilya 7 1-7 10 SAN GLORGIO 30 (F.S) N Vector-Davec 7-11-4 C Libertilya 7 10 SAN GLORGIO 30 (F.S) N Vector-Davec 7-11-4 C Libertilya

5-2 Cetts Town 3-1 Lets Remaie, 4-1 Hagis Way 5-1 Sonel Hall 6-1 Donyuan Co'sanges, 6-1 Do Be Have, 10-1 San Gorgeo

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRANSPRS: C Marm, 5 woners from 14 mannes, 35.7%, M Templote, 6 from 19, 31 6%, M Pape, 43 from 145, 29 7%; O Sterwood, 16 from 57, 25 6%, S Stroletton, 5 from 18, 27 8%, A Bailey, 24 from 87, 27.6%

JOCKEYS: & Tomby, 8 winner; born 24 notes; 33 3% 6 Bootley, 8 from 38 21.1%; A S Smith, 5 from 25, 20.0%, 6 McCourt, 10 from 55, 18.2%, A Magaine, 20 from 119, 16.2%, J A McConthy, 3 from 19, 15.6%.

2.50 FESTIVAL HEIGHTS NOVICES CHASE

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES)

Champion hurdler has new partner for Sunday workout

, Bradley to school Alderbrook

GRAHAM BRADLEY Was yesterday summoned by Kim Bailey to put Alderbrook through his paces at Lambourn on Sunday, when the seven-year-old will have his last school in advance of his seasonal debut next week. Bradley, who has never

ridden Alderbrook before, is to put the seven-year-old over a series of poles ahead of the Kingwell Hurdle at Wincanton on Thursday, Recent injuries to Norman Williamson and Jamie Osborne dictate that Bradley is almost certain to ride Alderbrook on his first outing over hurdles

Nap: DARZEE (3.10 Sandown Park) Next best: Bob's Ploy (3.55 Unoxeter)

since his Champion Hurdle victory 11 months ago.
"It will be a little getting-to-

PRESSURE

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know-you session for the pair them," Bailey said. "At this stage everything is going to plan with Alderbrook." The trainer also gave Master Oats a clean bill of health on his return from Ireland and the Cheltenham Gold Cup winner starts cantering this morning in preparation for the defence

of his crown on March 14. After his crashing fall at Ascot on Wednesday, Jamie Osborne was yesterday discharged from hospital feeling sore but entirely sound of limb. Remarkably, he escaped serious injury but is now confronted by 21 days of enforced inactivity on account of Jockey Club regulations. The jockey was concussed in the fall, albeit for a short

The first I knew about my 21-day absence was when I tuned into the Teletext service have spoken to Dr Michael

1.30 Crown Equeny

2.00 Northern Saddler 2.35 Cuddy Date



Master Oats starts cantering at Lambourn today in preparation for his defence of the Cheltenham Gold Cup

Turner [the Jockey Club's medical officer about it and he made it plam that the period was strictly not negotiable. The rule is there to prevent jockeys coming back too soon after taking falls, and I have to accept it is there to safeguard our own health."

Nevertheless, Osborne must wait until four days before the start of the Cheltenham Festival before he can pick up the reins. "It is very frustrating," he said. "Normally, I'd be looking to finalise my Cheltenham rides over the next three weeks, but I'll have to do it from the substitutes' bench."

In entirely different circumstances, Richard Hannon was another to rush back from a period of inactivity when he flew in from Barbados yester-

3.10 Darzae

3.45 Dark Honey

day to supervise Alriffa's defrost forced the abandonment of Sandown's card and Alriffa, who holds the Champion Hurdle engagement, now joins his stablemate, Right Win, in a

both horses and we will sit but over hurdles. In the end it down to firm up our Chelten-was all to no avail. A sharp ham plans after that," Hannon said. "My vet was not happy with Right Win's blood count two weeks ago. The horse had a few days off and seems fine now. He'll be raid on Wincanton next week. blood-tested again on Monday "Graham McCourt will ride with a view to taking on

Newcastle goes ahead

3.10 PHILIP BARNARD MEMORIAL CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP

NEWCASTLE'S Eider Chase meeting tomorrow was given the go-ahead yesterday, even though part of the track was found to be unfit.

Stewards yesterday found that boggy patches in the straight had made the hurdle course unsatisfactory. However arrangements have been

HURDLE (£3,388: 2m 6f) (15 runners)

made for the two hurdles in the straight to be transferred to the Flat course.

Although yesterday's Sandown fixture was called off because of heavy frost, prospects for today's meeting are reported to be much brighter. An inspection is planned for 7.30am.

Alderbrook and Atours, That should tell us where we stand with him." Alriffa, for his part, squares up to less-exalted company in the Mere Maiden Hurdle over two miles.

It is looking increasingly unlikely that Montelado, the horse with legs of glass, will make it to post for the Champion Hurdle. The Pat Flynntrained gelding has suffered a recurrence of the tendon injury that has plagued his career.

Although Flynn opted to reserve judgment at this stage, his words yesterday hardly struck a chord of optimism. "I'm a man who likes to live in hope," he ventured. "My vet is due in to look at the horse on Monday, when we will make a final decision about the Cheltenham Festival."

Towcester

Going: soft, heavy patches (cf heavy (hurdles) Durwoody, 27 tan; 2, Danicing Pimpernel (33-1): 3, Spartking Spirit (10-1), 5 ma. Det. 81 D Gandolto Tote 21 30; 51-10, 53.50 DF. 94.80 CSF: 59.28 3,15 (3m holie) 1, Tennessee Twist (W Marston, Evens tavi; 2, What's Your Story (S-4); 3, Jutana 113-21 10 ram 4, 6t. Mrs J Pimman, Tote 52:40; 51-40, 51-30, 61-30 DF: 52:80. Trior 52:40 CSF: 53.84

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4.20 (2m fae); 1, Sprig Mustin (D Fort, 10-1); £, Mid Day Cheser (5-1); 3, Filver Bay (5-1); Convent Garden 9-4 tax 16 ran. 3); 8 D Gandollo Total £10 50; £2 10; £2 80; £1 90 DF £17 40; Tho, £129 30 (part won, pool of £127 56 carried forward to 3.10 Sandown loctay) £5 £25,51.
4.55 (2m fae); 1, Dublin Freddy (A Maguire, 3-1 fav); 2; Indian Tracker (7-1); 3; Fillythm And Blues (10-1); 14 ran 12; 3) D Nicholson Total £20; £1 60; £20 0; £20 DF £13 €0
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2.15 (2m 11 holle) 1, Touch Silver (M Bodev, 5-1 tan); 2, Minster's Madean (6-1), 3, Mutassali (25-1), 4, Celctus (14-1), 16 ran 194, 394; H Mannest Tote, £18, 20, 22-20, C7-20, 22-80 DF, £17.70 Tro-2233, 40 (part won, poof of £197.32 cambel forward to 3, 10 Sandown today) CSF 533 GC, Tricase; £822 CO 2.45 (3m ch) 1, Samdown (13 San MR Pounding Suff, 3); 73, Phobbs, Toter £3.00, £1, 40, £230, £1, 10 DF, £19.20 Toter £3.00, £1, 40, £230, £1, 10 DF, £19.20 Toter £3.00, £1, 40, £230, £1, 10 DF, £19.20 Toter £3.00, £1, 40, £230, £1, 10 DF, £19.20 Toter £3.00; £1, 40, £230, £1, 10 DF, £19.20 Toter £3.00; £1, 40, £230, £1, 10 DF, £19.20 Toter £3.00; £1, 40, £230, £1, 10 DF, £19.20 Toter £3.00; £1, 17, Flow (Mt.) Cu\$cot. 7.

Going: standard

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(14-1) 10 ran 114, 7 M. Johnston Tote
22.30; E1 10, 52.80, E3 10 DF 517 50 Troc
22.30; CSF 510.72. 20.30. CSF £10.72
2.25 (2m) 1. Juliasclarterwader (A Clark, 16-1): 2. Heighth OF Fame (5-2), 3. Mitrogove (11-10 lea) 9 ran Hd. 91 A Moore Total C3 60; 52.30, 51.30, 51.10, DF 531.20 Titol C13.40 CSF, 534.30 Transit C75.24
3.00 (7h) 1. Charming Brider (J Tate, 10-11 lea); 2. Backger Bay (6-4): 3. Taiwa (5-11 4 ran, Mt. 114); 5. Williams Total C2.00 DF 51.50 CSF; 52.79.
3.35 (1m); 1. Domnor (J Wesser, 5-4 favr 2 Creeking (5-2), 3. William Russian (11-1); 8 ran 11, 274; M. Johnston Tote, 52.30, 51.10, 51.70, 52.20 DF; 53.30 CSF; 54.90 Tricast 52.00 (2).

3.25 ST GEORGE'S CENTRE MAIDEN HURDLE

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15		PICKENS 13 K Timber 4-10-7 A S Smath	
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3.55 ST GEORGE'S CENTRE MAIDEN HURDLE

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4	4	COUNT OF FLANDERS 38 Y. LICTOR 6-11-3	. A 5 Smah	_
5		EASY BREEZY (* Shenrood 6-11-3	J A NacCartin	_
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7		MORTHERN KINGDOM 242F K Saley 7-11-3	A Thornton	_
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4.30 ORBITAL CENTRE HOVICES CHASE

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- 5		LIFT AND LOAD 30 (F.6.S) R Ainer 9-11-3	W McFartand	
		LUKS AKURA 38 (V.S) W Clay 9-11-3	GUV Lewis (3)	
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5.00 COOMBS WOOD STANDARD OPEN NATIONAL

Ш	PLAT RACE (\$1,460 2m) (16)	
1	CARRY THE CARD 5 Christian 5-11-4	D Gallagher
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3	DARK ORCHARD Urs H Farred 5-11-4	S Curran (3)
4	FRENCH HOLLY F Library 5-11-4	P Carberry
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ē	SHARE OPTIONS I EXCEPTS 5-11-4	. L Wyer
7	SWAN STREET C Mann 5-11-4	Mutedach Kelly (7)
8	SYMPHONY'S SON D Nictedson 5-11-4	. A Macoure
9	CAVALIER PRINCESS E Alston 5-70-13	F Leafly (3)
0	CHLTIC LADY Mrs N Macaday 5-10-13	. E Husband (3)
1	HONEYSUCKLE LIL T Ball 6-10-13	. T Jenks
2	MOOR HALL LADY IL Burke 5-10-13	A Lasmach (3)
3	MERO'S GEM C Jackson 5-10-13	. W Hamphreys
4	BARTON SCAMP S Brookshop 4-10-8	T Biev
5	NOT GUILTY H Dine: 4-10-8	Jacqui Oliver
Б	THE BREWER D Jones 4-10-8	. O Bridgerater
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3.50 BET WITH THE TOTE NOVICES CHASE

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2 2315 CHURCH LAW 36 (G) Mrs. I Taytor 9-11-3
3 /1- WHO'S NEXT 33P (C.6.6) Jurniors, 8-11-0. B Princell
4 -r02 ARTIC WINGS 24 (C.F.6.5) 0 Breamen 8-10-12 M Devere
5 24F1 GARRYLOUGH 29 (G.5.0) 6 Gardotto 7-10-12. M Devere
6 -8PP BLACK ARROW 30 (S) 0 0 Pittern 9-10-10. G Hogan
7 FPF6 (LO-R YNNS MISSILE 28 R Dutan 8-10-10. D Bytos
8 510F MLPDOWN BDV 44 (F) N Chance 7-10-10. D Leaty
9 2UP FIGHTING TROUT 27 (G) Miss A Embricos 9-10-5 J Ryse

4.25 WALTER WALES MEMORIAL CUP HUNTERS CHASE (Amaleurs: £2,559: 2m 5t 110yd) (9)

1 25-1 SHEER JEST 33P (D.F.6.5) W Warner 11-12-6 A Hall (3) 2 421- OUNCAN 272 (C.F.6.5) Mess C Samplers 11-11-10 B Pollock (5) 3 P31- BRNS BAR 263P (6) Mess C Samplers 11-11-10 A Sampore (7) 4 10- FARMED 289 (C.S) F Farms 11-11-10 C Ward (7) 5 5P-3 GPPSY KING 33P N Winghish B-11-10 A Cor (7) 6 21-0 JUST JACK 32P (C.D.F.6.5) Pursuare 10-11-10 S Andrew (7) 7 (51- PROFESSOR LONGHARR 253 (F.6) Mss. C Micks 9-11-10 R Nedes (7)

1 -113 BRAES OF MAR 43 (BF.F.G.S) N Henderson &-

(Qualifier: £3,495: 3m 110yd) (9)

FAKENHAM

THUNDERER 2.15 Master Murphy. 2.45 Zambezi Spirit. 3.20 Trail Boss. 3.50 Church Law. 4.25 Sheer Jest. 4.55 Carl Evans: 4.25 Sheer Jest

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES)

2.15 SHERINGHAM SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£2.714: 2m) (15 runners)

1	P	JUST PLANENCO 14F M Ryan 5-12-0 N Mann	
		DURSHAM B4 (V.G) 3 Jeniera 7-11-12 B Poweli	
		KALZARI 29 (O.G) A Carroll 11-11-11	
		NEVEROLD 57 (D.S) M Ahem 6-11-10	
		MAGICAL BED 22 (B) J Brasley 4-11-5 M A Pizzgerald	
6	2.42	EMERALD VENTURE 43 (D.F.G) F Coton 9-11-5 D J Moltati	
7	0548	WORDY'S WIND 24 L Wordington 7-11-4 Mr J Culloty (7)	
Ä	0.30	WATER DIVINER 119 (CDJF,6) R Wingrove 6-11-3 J Ryan	
ğ	PO	SEA BARN 631 (F) M Coombe 13-11-1 Miss M Coombe	
10	184	MASTER MURPHY 29 C Broad 7-11-0 6 Hogan (3)	
iī	LINO	CALL ME PLASH 24 Mrs P Sty 4-10-9 P McLoughlin	
12	2200	LAMBSON 35 (V,G) J Pearte 9-10-9 M Dwyer	
13	FEEA	SABEEL 24 (B) T George 6-10-6 Mr R Thornson (7)	
	346	RAFIO 80 Mrs 1. Jewell 5-10-1	
15	nenn	PONTEVECCHIO BELLA 42 (B.D.5) Mr. L. Jeneil 10-10-0	
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7-2 Da	Sim.	11-2 Neverold, 13-2 Magisal Biol, 8-1 Kalzari, 10-1 others	
W Walsh (7) 7-2 Dershan, 11-2 Neverold, 13-2 Magisal Bid, 8-1 Kalzari, 10-1 others			

4.55 CROMER HANDICAP HURDLE

	0.45			CROMER HANDICAP HURDLE
	2.45 PRINCE CARLTON HANDICAP CHASE	(£3,1	125: 2	2m) (13)
	(£4,049: 3m 110yd) (11)	1	2-60	PINECOME PETER 30 (V,CD,F,G,S) 0 Brennan 9-11-13
	1 U004 SLEN MIRASE 22 (F,S) N Counte 11-11-13 Miss M Counte	2	1-23	MY EDITH 95 (F.S.) 7 Mals 6-11-10 Chris We
	2 - P35 LYME GOLD 38 0 Stewood 7-11-11 D Thomas (7) 3 2-03 QUOYBYO 23 M Bradstets 6-71-10 P Holley	3		BROWNSIDE BRIG 23 (CD,9F,F,G) O Sherwood 11-11-0
ı	4 64-F SM/WELL 30 (D,G) & Hobbard 8-11-8 M A Fitzgarald	4	0220	D Thom PYRAMUS PRINCE 30 (D.S), John White 6-10-13 C R
İ	5 5514 SPROWSTON BOY 2 (CD.F.G.S) M Chapman 13-11-6 W Wortheaton	5	3325	NOCATCHIM 43 (V.D.F.G.S) X Morgan 7-10-13 P WORDY'S WONDER 336 (CD.G.S) L Wordingham 8-10-13
	6 5463 OPAL'S TENSPOT 23 (D.F.G.S.) J Bradley 9-11-5	"		Mr J Calk
	Mr J Cullary (7) 7 -4FP IMPECCABLE TIMENS 42 (F.S) 0 0 Netil 13-11-4	7	-000	SECRETARY OF STATE 25 (CD,6) () Arbeitmoi 10-10-12 A Proci
	Mr A Michell (7) 8 P260 PRIZE MATCH 30 (S) J Tuck 7-11-3 Lawrence	8	2521	MANDLETE 34 (D.S) Mrs M Jones 5-10-12 D
	9 -SPO CRACKLING FROST 23 Mrs D Hama 8-11-0 . G Hogan (3)	9 10	03-5 14UD	KEEL ROW 30 (G) 1 Thomson Jone, 6-10-11 M A Fitz SASSIVER 13F (B.D.F.G) P Kelleway 6-10-10 G Hogs
	10 PP-1 ZAMBEZI SPIRIT 86 (D.F) Mrs M. Junes 7-10-11 D Symbol 11 -264 BAYARD BAY 27 (B.S.) 6 Barrett 12-10-11 M Brennan	11	52-6	WEATHER ALERT 251 (G) & Morgan 5-10-10 E Callagin
i	3-1 Okonova, 4-1 Zarobea Soiral, 5-1 Sonwell, 6-1 Lynne Gold, 7-1 Opal's Tenspol.	12 13	-367 04F6	KELLY MAC 30 (CD.S) D 0 Brief 5-10-9 ME I FERENS HALL 44 M Roberts 9-10-0 P McLo

3.20 EBF NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE

TRAINERS: Mass C Saunders, 6 winners from 6 runners, 100%, D Gandolfo, 4 km 5, 80 0%; O Stewnood, 4 km 7, 57 1%, J Upson, 3 km 7, 42.9%, D Breznan, 9 from 27, 33.3%, G Bravery, 4 from 12, 33.3%, JOCKEYS; M Brennan. 9 wapers from 36 rides, 25 0%; R Farrant, 3 from 17, 17 6%, J Ryan. 4 from 34, 11 8%. No other qualifiers.

4-1 Keel Row, 9-2 Manciele, 6-1 by Edgh Kelly Max, 7-1 Nocatchiol, 8-1 Sassner, 18-1 Weather Alett, 14-1 gibers.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

Blinkered first time Sandown Park: 3 10 Dominie Southwell: 1 50 Diasalina

SOUTHWELL THUNDERER

1.50 Dirab. 2.25 Mooncusser. 2.55 Kira, 3.30 Upper Mount Clair. 4.05 Pharty Dancer. 4.35 Cashmere Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.30 UPPER MOUNT CLAIR (nap). 4.35 Tatike.

GOING: STANDARD DRAW: 6F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

(Qualifier: £2,759: 2m 4l) (11)

1.50 GIRTON HANDICAP (3-Y-0: \$2,398: 1m 3f) (12 runners) 3-Y-U: \$2,398: 1m 31) (12 FURTIERS) 1 1-31 THERMOUN ESTATE 7 (G) M Johnston 9-7 Dean McKeown 7 2 64-5 ERONY 80Y 62 (C,G) J Wharton 9-7 ... C Treague (5) 6 3 6-31 GANCING CAVALLER 25 (C,G) 8 Hollanshcad 9-6 F Lysch (7) 9 4 4-56 DRABE 25 T Barron 9-6 ... J Fortuno 5 5 0-13 GUY'S GAMBLE 25 (C,G) J Wharton 9-2 ... J Fortuno 5 6 33-0 100N 17 C Britain 9-0 ... M Lursen 4 7 4-65 DRABE 30 May 6-9 ... J Dumn 11 9 5546 BE MY EIRO 18 W Museon 8-7 ... R Cochrans 3 9 00-4 SPORTING FANTASY 18 (P) Bailding 9-6 ... Claim Bailding 10 10 00-0 ORFOUNSEVEN 25 (B) 5 Powing 8-5 ... N Garlish 2 11 -636 DOWN THE YARD 7 (F) M Chapman 8-3 ... C Munday (7) 12 12 0-40 DRASAFINA 14 (B) S Wilsons 7-10 ... 6 Bardwel 1 -7 Thornson Estate 4-1 Dancing Cystins 5-1 Drab 6-1 Gn/* Symble 8-1

12 0-04 DNASAFRIKA 14 (B) S Williams 7-10 ____ G Bardwell 1
7-2 Thombon Estate 4-1 Dancing Cavalies 5-1 Durab 6-1 Buy's Gamble, 8-1
Ebony 977, Schamp 19-1 Se My Isrc, Durah The Yard, 12-1 others

2.25 HARDWICK CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-0: £2,398: 1m) (8)

ı	1 1	20-0	SENTA VAICHE	BOY 27 J	Bethe∏ B-13		. J West	er 5
ı	2	0-0	ERIOLINSTON	BAY 32 J	gre 8-9 _		RLapp	A 4
ı	3	4-42	MOONCUSSE	7 (B) J F	2geraki 8-9		M Wigha	n 7
ļ	. 4		SPARIT OF SPO	ORT A New	ombe 6-8		N Adag	83
ì	5	-131	PEOPLE DIREC				J Forter	2
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COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRABERS: N McAdelle, 5 womers from 19 numers, 26.3%, M Ryen, 19 from 83, 22.9%, M Johnston, 33 from 178, 16.5% N A Gorbach, 4 from 22, 16.2%; M Camacho, 16 from 97, 16.5%, G Wragg, 3 from 19, 15.8%, JOCKEYS: J Weaver, 42 winners from 223 rides, 18.8%; T lves, 22 from 123, 17.9%; F Lynch, 6 from 97, 16.2%; R Cochrane, 25 from 164, 15.2%; J Forture, 19 from 128, 14.8%, R Lappin, 7 from 48, 14.5%.

☐ General Rusty was well backed for the Sun Alliance Chase with Ladbrokes yesterday and was cut from 20-1 to 14-1. Yesterday's Towcester winner Billygoat Gruff is 20-1 from 14-1.

2.55 KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD HANDICAP

		P Roberts (5) 10	
١	90-0	NORDAN RAIDER 32 (CD.F.G.S) M Carractio B-9-13	
		R Cochrane 7	
ı	6.60	LEIGH CROFTER 18 (B.D.F.G.S) J A Hand 7-9-11	
•		J Wester 4	
ı	MAN.	ALLINSON'S MATE 132 (B.CO.F.G) T Barron 8-9-6	
•	U-U-	J Fortune 5	
	-311		
ľ	-251	NRA 9 (CD,6) J Evre 6-9-4 (7ex) R Lappin 6 PRST MA/TE 7 (B,CD,G) S Bowing 3-9-1 (7ex)	
	-231	C Teams (5) 9	
,	E498	DAAWE 4 (V.CO.G.S) Nrs V Acordey 5-8-11 . M Deering 2	
	3120	ESSCAPE 4 (V.C.U.S.S) SES V ACTION 3-0-11 . M DOCKET &	

9 0016 BOLD ARISTOCRAT B (CD,6) R Husinshead 5-8-4 3 0010 BOLD ARSTOCHAT B (CD,6) N Hollarchest 5-8-4 F Lynch (7) 8
10 -317 SEBKHG DESTINY 14 (CD,6) M Chapman 3-7-10 P Pessay (5) 3 3-1 Kirz, 6-1 First Maile, 5-1 Seeling Destry, 6-1 Dative 8-1 Bold Alistocracy Efficary, 10-1 Lingh Croller Affinson's Male, 12-1 others.

3,30 LAXTON HANDICAP (£2,886: 2m) (10)



4.05 MAPLEBECK SELLING STAKES

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1	0/45	BALLYRAG 7 (S) R Fatey 5-9-0 A Cathona 6
2	4-33	EL NOO 23 (CD,F,G,S) M Carractio B-9-0 J Weaver 1
		HAWWAM 6 (C.F.E.S) E Alston 10-9-0, S D Williams S
4	0-33	PHARLY DANCER 7 (CD.BF.G) W Hardh 7-9-0 Date Gabson 7
		SENSO 88J J Wainwright 5-9-0 Dean McKenwri 4
6	00.0	STYLISH GENT 4 (F.G) 6 Oktroyd 9-9-0 . A Coloan (7) 2
7	4-04	GREENWICH AGAIN 34 (F.G) 1 Mg/s 4-8-11 J Freduce R
8	240-	KONDRED GREETING 179 (B) D Morrs 4-8-11 R Cochrane 3
		ncer. 3-1 El Nido. 4-1 Haussam. 5-1 Greenwich Aram. 12.3 Arbeit.

4.35 LADBROKE ALL-WEATHER CHALLENGE SERIES FINAL (Handicap: £4,026: 1m) (6)

9-4 fabita, 5-2 himgerity Bloy. 3-1 Cashmere Lady 5-1 Chana Casile, 12-1 Mediamanu, 16-1 Patroegate Ju

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BETTING: 9-4 Crown Equatry: 7-2 Monicastran, 6-1 My Cheeky Man, 8-1 Physonoc. 10-1 Sir bestand, 12-1.
Killusty Casale, 14-1 Puricest Rembler, 18-1 others.
1994: KULLONE ABBOT 6-11-0 J Osteome (4-1) 4 Did 12 min FORM FOCUS CROWN EQUERRY 31 2nd of 13 to Jet Ruies in 15 Magested in National Hunt Flat race at Luciene norman huntle at Kempton (2m 5, good). (2n, smh). SIR LEONAPO 41 2nd to Karshi in 15-ramemonico huntle at Warwick (2m, good) pesatistics statistically best effort when short-based 2nd of 11 Selections; CROWN EQUERRY. 2.00 SOURREL HANDICAP CHASE (£4,554; 2m) (5 runners)

301 56/211-7 KOMPEKTA KING 13 (D.F.E.S.) (Korreita Ltd) O Stemend 5-11-10 M. Richards 89
202 5-11312 KORTHESM SADOLER 22 (D.F.E.S.) (F. Bassel R Hodges 9-11-4. R. Demender) 93
203 U1283-3 MEDINAS SWAM SONG 108 (D.E.S.) (C Perry R Hodges 9-11-4. R. Demender) 93
204 2-141-4 RODEO STAR 28 (B.D.F.E.S.) (Besthury) R Thinker 10-10-9 G Grandly 97
205 130533 SOUTHAMPTON 28 (F.E.S.) (Highlyers) 6 Raiding 6-10-0 A P MicCoy 85 BETTING: 7-4 Monthern Saddler, 9-4 Konsekia King, 9-2 Medicus Suan Song, 3-1 Southampton, 7-7 Roden Star. 1995: BOLD CHOICE 9-10-12 J Frost (9-4) IT Frost 4 pm FORM FOCUS

KONVEKTA KING best Budles 21 in 4-numer chase at Nothington (2m, good) on that set sesson.

NORTHERN SADDLER 1541 2nd to Eschange in 4-numer motion handicap chase at Wincardon (2m, good) MEDINAS SWAIN SONG 182 3rd of 4 to Selection: NORTHERN SADDLER.

2.35 STAG HANDICAP CHASE (£7,068: 3m 110yd) (9 runners) SETTINGS: 2-1 Printip's Woody, 9-2 Custry Date, 5-1 King Credo, Bishops Island, 6-1, Run Up The Fleg, 10-Y Vollation Gale, Ting Of Peace, 12-1 others.

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Humphreys aims to graduate with honours in France

By David Hands, Rugby correspondent

THAT David Humphreys will play international rugby for Ireland tomorrow comes as no surprise to those who have followed the young stand-off half's career from its inception. That the breakthrough should have been this season was less obvious since he had moved away from his roots in Reliast to the comparative obscurity of Oxford Univerbut on the collective quality of This is not to say that his colleagues.

Oxford is obscure but no Irish selector was likely to appear at Iffley Road last term as the university prepared for the big December day at Twicken-ham. Yet Humphreys individual display in a losing cause against Cambridge began the wave that has carried him to his first cap, against France at the Parc des Princes this weekend.

Destiny tricks. Seven years ago that legend of Irish rugby, Mike Gibson, watched — as he was wont to do and still does - his old school, Campbell College, against Ballymena Academy and was full of admiration for the decision-making of the academy's stand-off. Nearly every time," Gibson said, "he did what I would have done."

Now Humphreys, 24, is a pupil solicitor with Tughan and Co, the Belfast legal firm in which Gibson is a senior partner, and poised to make his bow in the five nations' championship in the position Gibson occupied on 25 occasions. All Ireland will hope he can display the same maturity in a position which is something of a poisoned chalice. Since Paul Dean's career ended in 1989, eight players have worn the No IO shirt as the selectors search for the next Ollie Campbell. Tony Ward.

Gibson or Jackie Kyle. Clive Woodward, Humphreys' coach at London Irish,

former England centre, said. It says something about his approach to the game that, when asked to debate the strengths of his game, Hum-phreys offers the belief that he should bring the best out of his back division. No stress on individual skills, the tactical direction and dazzling little runs he brings to the game,

Humphreys grew up the oldest of five children in the village of Broughshane, just outside Ballymena, and



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played football until his departure for Ballymena Academy where rugby was the traditional game and where the great Willie-John McBride studied. His greatest encouragement came from his father. George, who has watched all but a handful of his games. The family will be divided at the weekend, however, since Karen, his sister - ahead in caps having played hockey 18 times for her country - is appearing for Ulster.

David's first appearance for Ulster, in 1992, came while he was studying law at Queen's University, Belfast, and hinted strongly at an equable sporting temperament: Thomond Park, Limerick, is no place for faint hearts and Humphreys came on as a replacement when Munster led 11-3 and

He's a gem," Woodward, the Ulster, perennial provincial champions, were fading.

Two penalty goals and a dropped goal by the 5ft 9in youngster won the match and A caps followed against Wales when he scored 19 points in an astounding 29-28 win at Newport — and England. He toured southern Africa in 1993, before a hiatus.

"It was a combination of circumstances." Humphreys said. "I finished at university. I started work and I played for Ballymena where the style was totally different from Queen's. Although that was division-four rugby, it was a good, open game, whereas in club rugby we had a much stronger pack and there was always the fear of dropping vital league points."
Ireland had discovered Eric

Elwood and two other young olayers, Paul Burke and Alan McGowan, were on the horizon. Humphreys left home for Oxford where he is on a oneyear special diploma course in social studies at St Cross College: Oxford has been the springboard for this year," he said. "It's the first time I have been properly fit, playing or training every day.

I was taking a risk but I knew there would be different players from different countries and a different style. When I arrived, international ambitions were a long way off and all I wanted to do was to fit into the university side and get a blue. Because the University match Jin which Humphreys scored all Oxford's 19 points) went well, the gamble

It earned him a place in the A international against Scotland last month but the clinchappearance was on January 31. The Irish selectors flocked to Ravenhill to see Ulster play New South Wales and within five minutes, because that will help prepare Humphreys had scored a me for Paris." Humphreys,



Ireland hope Humphreys can follow in the footsteps of Kyle, Campbell and Gibson

brilliant solo try reminiscent, for older spectators, of the great Kyle. Humphreys has no doubts that the 40-33 win represented the best rugby the province has played during

I'm delighted to have played at Twickenham in front of such a big crowd

who will be Ireland's firstchoice goalkicker tomorrow, said. "But I take each game on its merits and I really enjoy the big occasions. Murray Kidd [the Ireland coach] has told us to go out and attack the French, rather than opt for a policy of containment, and

to use the outstanding backs

lyst for change. that has always been my aim. "I think I have been selected

fitness test on his troubled hamstring yesterday. His place on the right wing for Ireland goes to Richard Wal-lace, of Garryowen.

Lanka next Wednesday. "At

the moment we are not chang-

ing our mind, we are still

playing in Sri Lanka," Andy

that we have, who are as good

as any others around." Inc-

land have not performed well

in Paris since 1980, but maybe Humphreys can be the cata-☐ Simon Geoghegan failed a

a julianche All-American midnight feast

To be pedantic, John McGlinn's series is not about one American in To be pedantic, John McGlinn's series is not about one American in London but four, all of them top-drawer tunesmiths. McGlinn devotes parts one and two to Jerome Kern, dividing parts three and four between Gershwin, Cole Porter and Richard Rodgers. The focus throughout is on the shows the Famous Four composed initially for the London stage. Subsequently they went to Broadway, considerably amended. Tonight's late-night (too late, surely) feast features Kern's The Cabaret Girl and Blue Eyes, P.G. Wodehouse wrote the lyrics for The Cabaret Girl. Characteristic of his showbiz unorthodoxy was the couplet. "I see my roses have been nibbled by unorthodoxy was the couplet. "I see my roses have been nibbled by greenfly and I'd/suggest you go and mix some arsenic or cyanide."

Lunchtime Concerto. Classic FM, 2.00pm.

Here is a poser I offer gratis to any compiler of music quiz questions who may be desperate for one: which Beethoven second movement opens with the first six notes of Danny Bog? You can hear the answer this afternoon. It is the ardante from the Triple Concerto. Op 56. The soloists are Eugene Istomin, piano. Isaac Stern, violin, and Leonard Rose, cello. Another Eugene, Ormandy, conducts the Philharmonia Orchestra. Unbelievably, the work was cold-shouldered by the audience at its first performance. Nothing to do with they were supposed to play as a trio or as three soloists.

Peter Davalle

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VIRGIN RADIO

Kenyans could teach England a thing or two

Wednesday rightly earned them widespread contempt. "There must be much better pairs of hands in inter-school cricket than this bunch of Englishmen," the Indian Express declared yesterday. In fact there are - and three of them are in the Kenya team who make their debut in the competition on Sunday,

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performance in the youngest player in the tournament at the age of 17 - had to ask for time off from class in order to take part, but they are not in need of lessons in

This Kenya team has incredible reactions," Peter Lever, the former Lancashire bowler and technical mentor of Devon Malcolm, said yesterday. Lever coached Kenya for a month before the tourna-The three schoolboys -- who ment. "The ball bobbles like

ngland's cack-handed include Thomas Odayo, the hell on their outfields in Nairobi. It will jump two or three yards in front of you and hit you on the forearm. But in the four practice games they played against Holland I did

not see them fumble it once. The less said the better about those four catches England dropped. Three of them should have been swallowed. But England are tired. They needed those seven one-dayers in South Africa like a hole in

To bat or . . .

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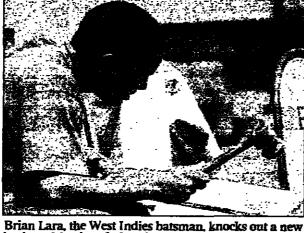
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Today's match at Hyderabad will be the first of the tournament to be completed under floodlights. But should the winners of the toss elect to bat in daylight or under the lights? Research shows that teams



batting first in day-night internationals have a 60 per cent chance of winning, even though it is widely accepted that there is an advantage to knowing what you are chasing in limited-overs cricket. Nine other matches are scheduled as day-night fixtures, including the semi-finals and the final, but do not count on anything: they are still putting up the lights in Bangalore, Madras and Chandigarh.



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One-day woes Why are England so poor at one-day cricket? Too many

Test matches, that is why. It has been a long-standing and originally creditable — policy of the Test and County Cricket Board to resist the rest of the world's infatuation with one-day matches, but the time may have come for change. Dennis Amiss, Warwickshire's chief executive, thinks

so. "It is only a personal view but I would like to see England play five matches in a one-day series. I think the public would like it. I believe it will not affect our five-day cricket and it provides some of the most exciting cricket you could wish to see," he said. The TCCB has pushed the

boat out by arranging six matches against India and Pakistan this summer but Terry Blake, the board's marketing manager, said yester-day. We have not gone along with the proliferation of oneday internationals in the past and this year is an exception to our usual policy. Next year we will be back to three matches against Australia."

Since the last World Cup, England have played fewer one-day internationals than all other Test-playing coun-

That's Hall, folks

Disregarding fears of terrorist violence, Zimbabwe are to go ahead with their match in Sri

Flower, their captain, said. Wes Hall, the West Indies manager, had some scathing words to say yesterday about people who do not change their minds. "Henry Kissinger

including Nyman (The Draughtsman's Contract); 10.20 Artist of the Week: Nicholas Decial said that only an idiot could Strauss Oboe Concerto); 11.05 Françaix (Wind Cumtet No I); Lutoslawski (Five Dance Preludes); Prokoflev not change his mind," he said, before adding: "But as far as Symphony No 1 in D.

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Conchest Hall New we are concerned the West Indies Board of Control says we are still not going." Concert Hall, New Concert Hall, New Broadcasting House, Emma Kirkby, soprano, Peter Seymour, tortepiano, C.P.E. Bach (Ara neuen Jehre; Dieses un jenes Leben; Empfindungen einer Sommemacht, Tag und Nacht); Mozart (Die Ihr des Innermeein han Weltalle.

Poison pens

Security guards have been on their toes in Ahmedabad, where journalists were refused admittance to practice sessions after being categorised as "likely assassins". This may be true, but many of them regard it as an integral part of their jobs.

Bleak outlook England will be watching the

weather in Peshawar, where they are due to play their banker match against the United Arab Emirates on Sunday, with an anxious eye. There was heavy rain there on Wednesday, which left the outlield sodden, and although the sun shone yesterday morning, the forecast is for more rain. If the annual rainfall charts are anything to go by. the likeliest venues for rain are perhaps Chandigarh and Calcutta - where both semifinals will be staged.

Answers from page 40 AUTO-DA-FÉ

(c) The burning of a heretic, as ordered by the Inquisition. Literally in Spanish an act of faith. Originally the term applied to the ceremony accompanying the pronouncement of judgment by the ecclesiastical authorities, after which the victim was handed over to the securiar authorities for actual ignition. Gradually the horrid burning came to be referred to as the auto-da-fe itself. Now that the auto-da-fe has been replaced, as an instrument for maintaining the Roman Catholic Church, by the equally incendiary Vatican television and internet bureau, the nearest thing to the auto-da-fe occurs at barbecues. The host performs an act of immolation. The act of faith is on the part of the guests. NULLIBIETY

(b) The state of being nowhere. This is a word for which it would on first inspection appear difficult to conceive any practical or indeed impractical use. But no incomprehensible word can be entirely useless. "And in conclusion. James, on behalf of all your old colleagues here, may I heartily wish you an unimpaired nullibiety." ENCHIRIDON

(c) A posh Greek word for a handbook, from something that can be held in the hand. "I admire your new car a lot, Mary Ann. But if I were you, I should pay close attention to the enchiridon."

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respect your ambitions as a body-builder, Stewart. But as a lover, you are just too lumbricoid."

Vivaldi (Vloin Concerto in D);
Puccini (Wedding Night,
Madame Butterily); Graham
Fildin (Hard Feiry); Weber
(Konzerstück in Finino);
9.00 Moming Collection with
Catriona Young, Berlioz,
(Overture; Entracte, Béatrice
et Bénédici); Liszt (Venezia e
Napoli, Années de
péletinage); Howells
(Concerto for string orchestra).
10.00 Musical Encounters.
Including Nyman (The Baker, mezzo, at the 19/1
Aldeburgh Festival
4.20 By the Waters of Babylon.
The Rev Alan Walker visits the
Copic Orthodox church near
Kensington High Street (7/9) 4,
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the musical and cultural traditions of Bokhara. Tashkent and Samarkand 5.00 The Music Machine with Eleanor Alberga (r)
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(Variations brillantes); Gestialdo, compl Stravinsky (Tres sacrae cantiones) 7.30 I Like to Be in Americal live from the Royal Concert Half in Glasgow. The first of three concerts from the Festival of Kalichstein/Laredo/Robinson Trio, Robin Williams, oboe, with the Scottish Chamber

with the Scotists Chamber Orchestra, under Yoel Levi. Nes (The Unanswered Cluestion); Coptand (Quiet City, Appeachian Spring); 8.20 The Wayward with Bob Gitmore; 8.40 Barber (Canzonetta); Ellen Taaffe Zwilich (Triple Concerto) 9.30 Towards Musical Democracy. How the composer Frank Denyer draws on musical tractitions from around the world

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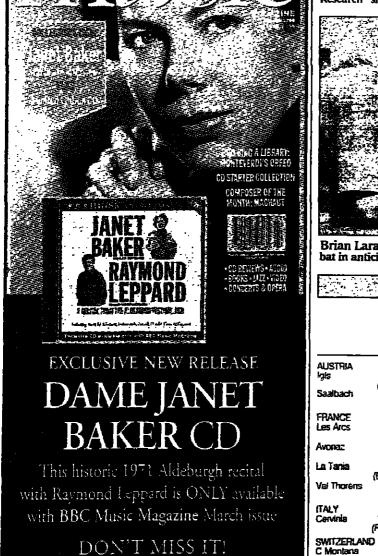
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9.45 Feedback, presented by Chie Durkley
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Correspondence (FM only).
Washington. Bridget Kendall traces the history of her adopted city through writings of earlier visitors (1/5) (r)
10.00 An Act of Worship (LW only)
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Mismatched music guilty of sonic insecticide

dinarily intrusive music in last night's new insect series Alien Empire (BBCI). Scripts were mixed up in the post, that's all. The script received by composer Mar- Empire is absorbingly interesting. tin Kiszko was a mixed-genre space-age western three-hanky job, and he slaved away in isolation under a complete misapprehension until - too late! - the mistake was discovered, "What shall we do?" panicked the Natural History Unit, buzzing like flies, and flapping the score with invisible speed, like a bee's wing. "Just put it in the programme. Joe Public.

won't notice a thing!" And so they persuaded them-selves, and finally forgot there was ever a problem. They sat in viewing rooms, warching the sequence where the luminescence of the jewel beetle was displayed against music headed "Boy Confederate Soldier Returns on

There is, of course, a logical Crutches across Corn Field to the an obscure salmon-type fish called explanation for the extraor-Shack of his Now-Blind Ma", and (I think) a "eulocanth", when the told themselves, "It's all right. Actually, it's quite all right." But it wasn't. Whereas every-

thing on the screen in Alien everything on the soundtrack is awful. The script is delivered by John Shrapnel at his most bass and serious, and it has a habit of likening insects to machines which is irritating and reductive. ("The brain of a bee," intones Shrapnel. "a masterpiece of micro circuitry.") And then, just when you think you can watch some insects doing insect-y things, einematic melody floods in like syrup, as the string section of the Munich Symphony Orchestra (nothing less) turns the page to find, "Mary Brings Teddy to have his Knee Kissed Better". Perhaps Ceefax is the answer, though I have been wary of using subtitles ever since watching the

damage done to a Horizon about

Cectax operator assumed the word was "hooligan", which is not the same. I will never forget the surreal image. The hooligan. desperate to reach its mating ground, now leaps upstream. I therefore hesitate to recommend this course. But the histrionics in Alien Empire are turned up too loud. Watching Ceefax with the sound off may be the only way of reducing the impact.

till, Alien Empire was pretty unsettling for good reasons as well as bad, insects have lived on this planet for 400 million years: they regard the human race as fly-by-nights. And when you start to look at their biology, they are seriously weird and otherworldly: they need oxygen but don't have lungs; they have teensy brains yet they process images at phenomenal speeds. To a houseREVIEW -



Lynne Truss

fly, television pictures are not continuous but a succession of individual lines travelling upscreen. To such a quick-thinking insect, therefore, the job of television critic would be irksome and it would pronounce all programmes too slow. Next time you see a fly buzzing framically against an open window, it will be worth remembering all this.

After such a joit to one's percep-

looked peculiar too. And it didn't help that BBC2's Three Colours Cezanne was concerned with the early part of the painter's career, when he, likewise, seemed to be visiting from another world. True, Cezarne was up from the country but that was the least of his handicaps: his early work, when not concentrating on nude ugly violence, was still mainly violent or contained nudes. Cezanne had a fierce touch raboo, an authoritarian father, and a penchant for Wagner. He thought once of murdering his family, but luckily remembered (just in time) that

they were useful to him, as sitters. Three Colours Cézanne divides his work chronologically into pink green and blue: an ingenious and simple basis for the series. Last night's film was literate and informative, although occasionally fell into the trap of many art programmes: a critic describes a

are immediately contradicted by the picture itself. Last night it was Cézanne's The Rape, in which the female figure was described as "this poor woman, screaming". Upon which a close-up silently revealed she was limp and comatose, with hardly a mouth at ali.

linally, Channel 4's Food File has a campaign for us all to join. It's called "Adopt a Veg and if it sounds nuts to you, it certainly sounded nuts to me. Evidently there is "havoc" in the vegetable kingdom, these days; varieties of veg are disappearing fast, and the only way to conserve them is to send urgent money to the Henry Doubleday Research Association, where seeds are pre-served in an archive. "Stop the Vegetable Massacre!" is the rallying call. The champions are Nigel Slater (cookery writer) and Thelma Barlow from Coronation Street.

whether to laugh or cry.

I mean, can't they see where all this will lead? Once vegetables are understood to be a persecuted minority, insanity prevails. People caught using the innocent expression "small potatoes" are hauled up for veg-ism. When Bogart, in Casablanca, makes that speech about the hill of beans, audiences tut-tut and suck their teeth, making no allowance for the primitive veg attitudes prevailing in wartime. Sensitive types flock to buy copies of The Lady of Shalott, but are horribly disappointed when it turns out to centre on a madwoman with a mirror. Word gets round: Alfred Lord Tennyson does

not know his onions. Meanwhile, it was not explained what happens when you adopt a veg. Perhaps you get a photograph. But it seems unlikely that it writes to you from time to time, to tell you how it's getting on.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (21784) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceefax) (52055) 9.00 Breakfast News Edira (Cesta) (4983887) 9.20 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (a) (3084822) 9.45 KBroy (s) (7392826) 10.30 Good Morning (s)

@ 12.00 News (Cestax) and weather (6851603) 12.05pm Turnabout (s) (9239871) 12.30 Going for a Song (s) (48351) 1.00 One: O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (55142)

1.30 Regional News (77379968) 1.40 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (34157055) 2.00 Pebble Mill (s) (9508806) 2.40 Moon over Milami (Ceefax) (s) (4708581)

3.30 The Littlest Pet Shop (s) (5816974) 3.50 Look Sharp! (s) (1160784) 4.05 The All New Popeye Show (t) (2367500) 4.15 Julie Jekyll and Harriet Hyde (Ceefex) (s) (5306413) 4.30 The Mask (Ceefex) (s) (3317559) 4.55 Newsround Edra: The Children of Chernobyl (Ceefex) (1884245) 5.10 Blue Peter (Ceefex) (s) (1456142)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (541448) 6.00 Six O'Clock News (Csejax) and weather

6.30 Regional news magazines (887) 7.00 Gag Tag. Bob Monkhouse hosts the duty

for stand-up consics (Ceelan) (e) (9967).
7.30 Tomorrow's World, includes a look at the pioneering facility which the Metropolitan Police are using to test. Metropolitan Poice are using to less protective knife proof vests plus a new technique for treating previously inoperable tumours with a covernment light beam (Ceelax) (s) (871)

8.00 Just Good Friends Ferry and Whos make a surprise amounteened (0).

8.30 A. Question of Sport David Colema free the questions at 6th bearingst and lan Botram and their mans of spotting celebrities (Cestat) (s) (4518) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Cestad, regional news and weather (2326)

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10.30 FILM: The Fly (1986) starting Jeff Golburn and Geena Davis David Cronenberg's repulsively entertaining remake of the cult 1950s horror movie. scientist obessesed with teleportation scientist our social takes part in one of his own experiments with dire consequences (Ceefex). (\$) (23246784) WALES: 10.30 All Our Li 11.20 FILM: The Fly 12.55-2.20am FILM:

Twins of Evil 12.05 FILM: Twins of Evil (1971) starring Peter Cushing and Madeleine and Mary Coilinson Identical twin orphans move in with their witch-hunting uncle, who lives in the shadow of a sinister castle where. legend has it, vampires dwell. Directed by John Hough (6845814)

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1.30am Weather (6108659)

BBC2

6.00am Open University: Biology — Body Plans (2874245) 6.25 What is Music? (2780852) 6.50 Panel Painting (5988806) 7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (Ceetax and signing) (s) (8295974) 7.30 Stingrey (r) (45448) 8.00 F.O.T. (r) (s) (13535) 8.30 Johnson and Friends (r) (s) (1105158)

8.40 The Record (9193087) 9.05 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children, 10.00-10.25 Playdays (5255852)

2.00 Johnson and Friends (r) (s) (36365784) 2.10 Open View (10739055)

2.15 Sport on Friday. The World Indoor Bowls championship and the World Sking championships (233245) 3.55 News (Ceefax) and weather (1859887) 4.00 Today's the Day. History quiz (s): (500) 4.30 World Indoor Bowls (13719)

6.09 The Munsters (b/w). Classic gliouish humour, (Ceelax) (447239) 6.25 The New Avengers: Obsession. After

joining Steed in a security team guerding a delegation of important Arabs, Purdey is distracted by the arrival of an old flame (f) (Cestax) (986974) 7.15 Electric / Circus. Entertainment magazine (s) (797564)

7.30 Sounds of the Eightles. This week's musical memories are supplied by, among others, ZZ Top, U2 and Bruce Springsteen: (Ceetax) (3) (413) N.L.: 7.30pm Hearts and Minds 8.00 Top Gest Motorsport Tony Mason reports on the 1996 Dakar Rally. (Ceefax)

Gardeners' World. Geoff Hamilton and the team return with gardening advice (Ceelax) (s) (2158)



Paul Whitehouse as Brilliant (9.00pm)

9.00 The Fest Show, New sever-part comedy sketch show with Paul Whitehouse (Ceetan) (s) (3528) 9.30 Red Daran VI. Science-fiction/comedy (f) (Ceetex) (s) (31429)

10.00 Flat of Fign. A second series of the comedy show starting Stewart Lee, Richard Herring, Peter Baynham and Kevin Eldon (s) (17351) 10.30 Newsnight (Ceetax) (615177)

11.15 Fantasy Football League. David Backliel and Frank Skinner are joined by Nell Monissey and Alan Davies (s) (698239) WALES: 11.15 Wales 2006 the Culture (589448) 11.55 Fantasy Football League (799968) 12.25am Seinfeld (5053017) 12.50 The Small of Reeves and Mortimer (7576388) 1.20 Weather (1774088) 1.25-2.25 World

Indoor Bowls (8446562) 11.45 The Smell of Reeves and Mortimer. Vic and Bob link cottage cheese and voodoo; and their own Stars in Their Eyes (r) (Ceetax) (s) (680210)

12,15em Weather (7559611) 12.20-1.25 World Indoor Bowls (9308456)

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Gardeners World BBC2_8.30pm

Many thousands of people visit Vita Sackville-West's Sissinghurst each year but this superb Kent garden has been curiously neglected by the small screen. Gay Search, a presenter of quiet authority, makes amends with a location report. She looks back on the creation of the garden during the 1930s and talks to Sarah Cook, today's head gardener, about maintaining Sackville-West's legacy in the face of the huge annual invasion from Britain and abroad. After that Nick Wray's attempt to interest us in a garden in attempt to interest us in a garden in submittan Croydon may seem like an anti-climax, though it offers a spectacular display, Binding together this first in the new series of Gardeners' World is the avuncular Geoff Hamilton. The middle of February may not be prime time for jobs in the garden, but trust Geoff to find some.

The Past Show BBC2. 9.00pm

Fast this comedy sketch series certainly is, since no item is on the screen long enough to outstay its welcome and some are little more than one-liners. But there is wit as well as speed. Apart from a gangster spool called The Unpronounceables, the show eschews the relatively easy option of settling up other people's material and rolls its own. The humour essentially derives from guying a range of familiar types. Those who saw the first series will welcome the return of Janine the tearners mum. For the resulting football the teenage mum, Ron the rambling football manager and Alf the accident-prone pensioner. But there are many new characters this time. Paul Whitehouse and Charlie Higson dominate the credits; as performers, writers and producers, but Mrs Merion fans can amuse themselves spotting the various guises of Caroline Hook.

Catherine Cookson's The Girl TTV 9.00mm

Hannah iplayed by a promising young actress, Stobhan Flynn) is the archetypal Catherine Cookson heroine, born our of wedlock and abandoned by her father, abused and ostracised as a child and forced into a miserable marriage. But Cookson characters are destined to suffer, if only to by an experienced Cookson adapter, Gordon Hann, the tale is set in Northumberland in the middle of the 19th century. It is both about the imposition of stern Victorian morality and departures from it. Either way, women such as Hannah are the victims. Perhaps that is why Cookson, despite setting her stories in the past, has such a modern ring. Television has again done justice to a writer who combines the hor blood of writer who combines the hot blood of melodrama with curning narrative skill.

Roseanne: The Fifties Show Channel 4, 10.00pm

To take a long established sit-com and relocate it, even for one episode, in the 1950s requires wit as well as courage. The makers of Roseanne fortunately have both in large measure. The result, shot in appropriate black and white, is a brilliant pastiche of those anodyne middle-class comedies, set in spotless homes where dutiful wives attended to mollycoddled husbands and teenage rebellion meant no more than trying to stay out later than 10 o'clock at night. The abrasive, wise-cracking Roseanne of the 1990s transforms herself into the 1950s little woman, resigned to a life of cooking and cleaning and never caught without a smile and a pinny. Besides parodying the television comedies of the era the show also sends up its commercials with precision. It even works in a joke about a little black boy called Colin Powell. Peter Waymark Peter Waymark

6.00am GMTV (2368516) 9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (s) (3976413) 9.55 London Today (Teletext) (5345429) 10.00 The Time . . . the Place (s) (1596448)

10.35 This Morning (15374055) 12.20pm Regional News (Teletext) (6857887) 12.30 News and weather (Teletext) (3191622) 12.55 Murder, She Wrote (s) (8276622) 2.00 Home and Away (Telete.t) (s) (57659142)

2.25 Chain Letters (Teletext) (s) (57741177) 2.50 The Good Health Guide (3465500) 3.20 News headlines (Teletext) (2875719) 3.25 Regional News (Teletext) (2867790)

3.30 Rosie and Jim (s) (1248516) 3.45 Zzzapi (1163871) 4.00 The Sylvester and Tweety Mysteries (1856790) 4.25 Gladiators: Train to Win (Teletext) (1366177) 4.55 Get This (s) (1706413) 5.10 A Country Practice (s) (8299158)

5.40 News and weather (Teletext) (987871) 6.00 Home and Away. Kelly's sister accuses her of letting her boyfnend die (r) (Teletext) (s) (530993)

6.25 FTV News (Teletext) (537326) 6.45 Sportsweek (Teletext) (400968)

7.00 Bruce Forsyth's Play Your Cards Right. Couples test their knowledge of public opinion in the hope of winning a car and cash (Teletext) (s) (1429) 7.30 Coronation Street. Alma is the toast of the street (Teletext) (239)

8.00 The Bill. When Brownlow sets uniform against CtD, Beech nearly gets caught in the crossfire (Teletext) (1167)

8.30 Paul Merton in Galton and Sanpson's ... Seeled with a Loving Kiss. Two people meet for the first time after courting by letter, but will their expectations live up to the reality? And, if not, will they be honest about their feelings? (Teletext) (s) (6784)



Slobhan Flynn as Hannah (9,00pm)

Catherine Cookson's the Girl (Teletext) (s)

10.00 News at Ten and weather (Teletext) 10.30 Regional News and Weather (727581) 10.40 Entertaining Mr Wedlock (637448)

11.10 Kojak (434429) 12.30 Hotel Babylon (s) (3389098) 1.10 The Good Sex Guide ... Late (s)

(8444104) 2.10 FILM: Nightwalk (1989) starring Robert Urich, Lesley-Anne Down and Mark Joy. After witnessing a murder on a secluded

stretch of beach a woman becomes the Directed by Jerold Freedman (220475) 3.50 Live from London (r) (s) (9437098) 5.00 On the Live Side (66122)

5.30 Morning News (29291)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except 2.50pm-3.20 The Programme (3465500) 6.25-7.00 Wates Tonight (609968) 10.40 Friday Live (808790) 11.40 Hunter (472719)

WESTCOUNTRY As HTV West except: 12.55 Coronation Street (3003413) 1.25-1.55 Chain Letters (84575887) 1.55 Home and Away (74262528) 2.25 Wish You Were Here...? (57732429) 2.55-3.20 Cat Crazy (9427546) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (8299158)

6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (43210)

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10.40 Film: Who's Harry Crumb? (42313177)

1.55 A Country Practice (34234158) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (8299158) 6.25-7.00 Central News and Weather

10.40 Central Weekend (81455784) 12.40am Hotel Babylon (3378982) 1.20 The Good Sex Guide... Late (8441017) 2.20 The Chart Show (2685727) 3.15 Dear Nick (4509814) 4,10 Jobfinder (3247272)

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5.00am Freescreen (66122)

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12.30pm Sesame Street (s) (20516) 1.30 Camberwick Green (r) (38332) 2.00 Pete Smith Specialties (36350852) 2.10 FILM: Seven Days to Noon (1950) starring Ofive Stone and Andre Morrell. An oscar-winning script about a nuclear scientist who threatens to blow up London if the government does not pledge to ban the bomb. Directed by John Boulting (Teletext) (975719)

4.00 Backdate (Teletext) (s) (968) 4.30 Countdown(Teletext) (s) (852) 5.00 Island of Dreams (r) (Teletext) (s) (8142) 6.00pm T.F.I. Friday. Chris Evans presents a

putative successor to Ready Steady Go. Guests include Simply Red, Blur, Black Grape and Kylie Minogue (s) (41852) 7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (823351) 7.55 Book Choice. John Walsh reviews the latest edition of Who's Who. (Teletext) (s)

8.00 Gardens Without Borders. Alan Mason arrives in Portugal's Algarve where, in Lisbon's ancient Lumlar district, he goes in search of an 18th-century tiled garden which seems to be a mystery to the locals. (Teletext) (s) (8719)

 8.30 Brookside. Jacqui sells her soul, leaving Jimmy devastated (Teletext) (s) (4326) 9.00 Cybill. American sit-com with Cybill Shepherd (Teletext) (s) (1264)

9.30 Rising Damp. Rigsby believes it pays to advertise but a personal ad brings only one reply (r) (Teletext) (53697)



Roseanne, John Goodman (10.00pm)

10.00 Rosearme: The Fifties Show (b/w). (Teletext) (s) (19719) 10.30 Jo Brand Through the Cakehole. In the final programme of the series, the cornectian targets HRT, soap operas, politically correct banking and Clause Four.(Taletext) (s) (897239)

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and music videos (s) (7265524) 1.25-3.25 FiLM: How I Won the War (1967) John Lennon, Michael Crawlord, Roy Kinnear and Michael Hordern head the at a trantic pace, by Richard

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7.00am Boiled Egg and Soldiers (60871) 8.30 Press Your Luck (3187326) 8.50 The Love Connection (6999993) 9.20 Court TV Love Connection (1999) 325 Court (1999) 350 The Opeth Writing Stront (495983) 10.40 Jeopardyl (1939897) 11.10 Sally Josey Reprint (6205603) 12.00 Beachty (78374) 1.00peth The Walton's (87622) 2.00 Geraldo (52581) 3.00 Court 17 (4969) 3.30 The Oprah Wintery Show (639)177) 4.15 Under (297)270) 5.00 Star Trek The Ned Generation (1448) 5.00 The Smitsons (2239) 6.30 Jeopardy (97)9 7.00 Lapid (2177) 7.30 MFA/STH (9803) 8.00 June (2177) 7.30 MFA/STH (9803) 8.00 Just Kidding (5697) 8.30 Cappers (8072) 8.00 Walker, Texas Ranger (31413) 19.80 Star Trek, The Next Generation 19.00 Ste Trek. The Next Generation (3450) 11.00 Lew and Order (81535) 12.00 Let Snow with David Lomermen (2741475) 12.45cm The Untrucheldisc (5124253) 1.30 Sibs (75578) 2.00-6.00 Hill Mat Land Phys. Mix Long Ptey

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SKY MOVIES 6,00cm Law and Order (1953) (4395581) 6.00am Law and Order (1963) (4395-851) 7.25 Barry Lyddon (1963) (58865681) 10.30 A Million to One (1963) (63554158) 12.10pm Cross thy Heart (1990) (629491 2.00 Ferry at Saturglans' Bay-(1960) (25552) 4.00 Words by Heart 1996) (2555) 6.00 A Million to One (1993) (18516) 8.00 Weekand at Bernie's (1989) (18516) 8.00 Westend at Bernie's II (1983) (1306) 10.00 Mindsarp (1991) (2424) 11.60 Once a Third (1991) (271997) 130cm Just Between Friends (1966) (23729) 3.20-5.20 Heart of a

SKY MOVIES GOLD

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to 4am, 6.00em Under the Umbrella Tree (26513415) 6.30 Fraggle Rock (4160687) 7.00 New Advertures of Winne the Pool (20129682) 7.35 Duckales (41474559) Reprint Benders 20128662 7.28 Duckages (61474564) 8.00 Chip 'n' Dale Rescue Rangers (15025429 8.30 Adventures in Wonderland (1594500) 9.00 Walt Desirey Presents (67785061) 10.00 Under the Umbriella Tree (82795061) 10.000 Under the Umioness 1769 (41527239) 10.30 Fragge Rock (15037254) 11.00 Muppet Bables (88195328) 11.00 Welcome to Pooh Corner (8815055) 12.00 Cuack Attack (15025516) 12.30pm Dembo's Circos (40848142) 1.00 Adven-Dombo's Circus (40848142) 1.00 Adven-ures in Wonderland (31579103) 1.30 FEM: Heid — Part Two (8050129) 3.30 Whinte the Pools (68298332) 4.00 Quack Atzact. (6311129) 4.30 Ducklates (68208351) 5.00 Cyberster (5218852) 6.30 Sick with Me. Kid (41243156) 7.30 Eyewitness (68101852) 8.00 FLM: Poly (88845697) 9.30-10.00 Dinosaurs (40931806)

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7:00pm Trans World Sport (8791177) 8.00 Basketbell — Live (8608415) 10.00 Amelics (8790448) 11.00 Svill Seiling (2013351) 11.30 Inside the PGA Tour (8867500) 12.00-1.00em Trans World Soot

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England on one-day street to ignominy

CRICKET CORRESPONDENT IN AHMEDABAD

THE world once deferred to England when it came to one-day cricket. They made the rules, devised the tactics and set the standards, but nobody follows England now. The pack has advanced while the pioneers have stood still and, on all available evidence, England are at risk of a mortifyingly swift exit from the

World Cup. Despite the contingency of bad weather offering unearned points to the United Arab Emirates. England will be hard pressed not to qualify for the last eight. There, it is glibly assumed, anything can happen but, even allowing for the vagaries of limited-overs cricket, the most likely outcome for Eng-land is an early flight home.

ment with brave words. Rightly so. To have dwelt on their 6-1 defeat in South Africa would have been counter-productive and the management decreed that it was an irrelevance, the aberration of a weary team. Things would be different now, it was said. But they are not different. They are precisely

The performance against New Zealand on Wednesday might have been at Cape Town, Johannesburg or Port Elizabeth last month, it was that predictable. The game was lost in the field, of course, where England were so woeful. Compounding this, however, England's batting and bowling were a mix-ture of the prosaic and the witless.

To defend it as "reasonable", as Michael Atherton did, is to settle for standards that are inadequate

to which England have clung while the opposition have sailed purposefully past. With Graeme Hick and Dominic Cork nursing injuries, it does not bode well for the time when England must meet the serious contenders.

England's protection of the pri-macy of Test cricket is laudable, but the endemic disregard for one-day cricket is now damaging national esteem in the sport. It is exemplified by the fact that England has staged only 14 of the 294 one-day internationals since the last World Cup and that only three are planned when Australia tour in the summer of 1997. Elsewhere, the volume is often excessive, but the focus of cricketing minds on the demands of the short game is, in the present environment, highly

The best one-day teams - Australia, India and South Africa -



not only field more athletically and accurately than England, which to some degree is the result of more innovative practice, they also bat and bowl with more flair and flexibility. They are equipped to improvise, while England plough down predictable channels, apparently unable to change course when things go wrong. Hence, the batting collapse on Wednesday, once under way, consumed the side as so

Within it, two depressing points

were emphasised about key play-ers. Graham Thorpe, should by now have the confidence to carry the side through the crucial middle overs but, too often, he bats with no appreciation of the required pace: And Neil Fairbrother, outstanding in the World Cup of four years ago, does not look the same player. Now he meets pressure not with touch and placement but by putting his foot down the pitch and heaving

across the line. England emerged from their hotel for practice yesterday, but it was unimpressive, the motions of a team deflated by defeat and aware of its own deficiencies. Atherion batted in the nets with grim intent, a man struggling with his form but struggling, too, with his own perception of one-day cricket as an inferior entity. Many share his view, but, right now, it is unhelpful.

tion: gap that Raymond Illing-worth, the manager, must cross to relate to the methods of play and preparation in modern limitedovers cricket. He has not achieved it thus far, nor is he instinctively inclined to do so. The decision to exclude from the squad Dermot Reeve, whose inventiveness is such a rarity in English cricket, is evidence enough of his suspicion of

So, as England took once more to the practice ground, three questions sprang to mind. Can it do any good? Are they doing the right things? And is it even the right players doing them? The answer to all three is probably no.

This event has been plagued. First it was the security issue, then the ridiculed opening ceremony which led to parliamentary de-So, too, is the undeniable genera- organiser and to fears that the

Calcutta ground will not recover in time to stage the semi-final. The tournament needed a decent cricketing launch and it has not had it. England's match was tepid. the cricket predictable and the setting bizarre. Scoreboards worked spasmodically and sewage filled the corridors of the main stand. Then, yesterday, rain postponed the scheduled second match in RawaIpindi

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There is a sense that this event is creeping in apologetically. There is an air about England of preparing to creep out again. They have never failed to reach a World Cup semifinal, but it is hard to be optimistic about the retention of the record Only yesterday, a former England captain, dismayed at what he has seen, sought to place a bet on defeat against the United Arab Emirates on Sunday. It has come to

Decision to ratify title result raises fears over weight

By Srikumar Sen, boxing correspondent

TERRY DUNSTAN, the British cruiserweight champion. who was reported to be overweight for his title bout with Dennis Andries on Tuesday at York Hall. Bethnal Green, can keep his title and second notch on the Lonsdale

The British Boxing Board of Control took the unprecedented step at its board meeting on Wednesday of allowing the bout between Dunstan and Andries to stand as a championship contest even though Dunstan was over the cruiserweight limit of 13st 8lb.

The bout was originally to be staged at the London Arena on Saturday, but was moved to York Hall as a result of the Docklands bombing. The boxers had weighed in on Friday but a second weigh-in was held on Monday, when Dunstan was found overweight.

At the time of the postponement on Saturday, John Morris, secretary of the board, told the boxers and managers that the Friday weigh-ins could stand for York Hall if there were no objections. Andries objected and thus the second weigh-in took place.

Morris insisted yesterday, however, that Dunstan had not been considered over-

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weight. He said the scales were "flickering a few ounces" over because they had not

been properly calibrated. According to Morris, that small variation did not matter because of the unusual circumstances surrounding the show and because the decision to let the bout go on as a championship contest was to the satisfaction of all parties, including Andries.

The board's decision will be viewed with concern, however, by those who believe championship weigh-in rules should never be stretched,



Dunstan: overweight at second weigh-in for bout

even slightly, no matter what

At the same board meeting, Joe Bugner's application for a licence to box in Britain against Scott Welch, the Brit-Commonwealth and World Boxing Organisation (WBO) inter-continental champion, was turned down. The last two recent contests of Bugner, 45, who - before those - had not boxed since being stopped by Bruno in eight rounds in 1987, were not considered of a high enough standard to make the Austra-

> lian eligible for a British Welch's promoter, Frank Warren, said that he would ask the board to reconsider its decision. Welch, however, insisted he would sue. "I'm going to issue a writ," Welch This is the biggest payday of my career. I can't say why they've turned his licence down. Bugner is better than other people the board

has let me fight over here."
Warren said: "It can't be anything to do with age, because Dennis Andries [42] is still fighting and George Foreman fought for me in this country when he was past 40. Joe has done all that has been asked of him since his comeback. What did they expect him to do? Fight somebody in the top ten?"

Billy Hardy, the European and Commonwealth champion, from Sunderland, could meet Naseem Hamed, the WBO champion, in the world's first £1 million featherweight title bout

Tommy Gilmour, Hardy's manager, said he was having talks with Warren, Hamed's promoter, about staging the contest at Roker Park in July. Gilmour expects Hardy, No 2 in the WBO rankings, to move up to the No I mandatory challenger's position after the successful defence of his European title against Michael Alldis, of Crawley, last Saturday. If the world title bout goes to bids, Gilmour is confident of winning. Hamed would get £750,000 and Hardy £250,000.



Out of the shadows: Sebastian Coe, MP, the former Olympic champion, chats to the blind runner, Noel Thatcher, left, at yesterday's announcement

Paralympic trials take the plunge

DISABLED athletes are gaining proper recognition. For the first time, trials for the Paralympics are to take place at the same time and at the same venue as those for the Olympics, albeit in only one sport (Stuart Jones writes). The pioneers will swim in the pool at Ponds Forge, in Shef-field, next month.

The breakthrough was revealed at the Cafe Royal, London, yesterday by the British Paralympic Association. So were the names of 38 athletes who have already been selected to represent the nation in Atlanta in August. More than 200 others are expected to be chosen for the

The swimmers lead the way in more than one sense. At the last world and European nships, they won 31 and 38 gold medals respec tively. In both cases, the total was 13 higher than the next most successful nations. Australia and Germany, and the collective dominance prom-

ises to continue. Among the other individuals likely to contribute to the overall haul is Simon Jackson, 28, from Rochdale. Jackson, the world visually impaired judo champion, is seeking his third successive Paralympic gold medal. He is already assured of going to

Noel Thatcher is not yet,

and world champion at both the 5,000 and 10,000 metres. Not only does he intend to compete in both events, but also, using Emil Zatopek as his role model, in the marathon as well, even though the three events are to be staged within eight days.

Britain is to be represented in all but one of the 17 Paralympic sports — the foot-ball team failed to qualify as well as in the demonstra tions of yachting and wheelchair rugby. In Barcelona four years ago, the nation gathered 128 medals, finish-ing behind only the United es and Germany in the

Whitington fails second test ON SATURDAY

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CRAIG WHITINGTON, the Huddersfield Town forward, has not made many headlines in his career, but yesterday he made news for all the wrong reasons. After becoming the first footballer to fail a drugs test on two separate occasions. he has been charged with misconduct by the Football Association.

Last week, Roger Stanislaus, the Leyton Orient defender, was dismissed by his club after the FA suspended him for a year after a random test found traces of cocaine. Although cannabis is a "soft" drug, as a second offender, Whitington, 25, is likely to receive a swingeing sentence.
We take quite a sympathet-

ic line first time." an FA spokesman said, "and give players a second chance — but they are expected to take that and anyone who doesn't is obviously in serious trouble." Whitington has made only first-team appearance

since joining Hudderstield

from Scarborough for £25,000 two years ago and is available on a free transfer. He first tested positive for cannabis in March last year. At the time, he received a short suspension during the FA assessment and counselling process.

As part of the package, he was also subject to random testing for a year and it was in one of those tests, on January that traces of cannabis, a drug which stays in the bloodstream for some time, were found. Whitington has 14 days in which to request a personal

Ilie Dumitrescu, Tottenham Hotspur's Romania international midfield player, is planning to go to the European Court if his appeal against the Department of Employment's refusal to grant him a work permit is unsuccessful. Dumitrescu was refused a permit when he agreed to move to West Ham United from Tottenham.

'Only in England do you'

have to get a new work permit to move from one club to another," Ioan Becali, Dumitrescu's agent, said yesterday. West Ham and Tottenham are likely to join any legal

The FA Premier League will resist any attempt by the Office of Fair Trading (OFT) to break the League's television contract with Sky. At the League's quarterly meeting yesterday, the clubs gave their support to the status quo.

The clubs voted unanimously to support ... the collective selling of TV rights," Rick Parry, the League's chief executive, said after the meeting. "The clubs gave full and total backing to our possible legal battle with the OFT." The Football Association of

Ireland (FAI) has confirmed that Mick McCarthy, Ireland's new manager, would not be able to appoint Ian Evans, his No 2 at Millwall, as a full-time assistant in his new



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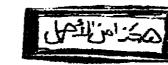
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The angry mothers of women's lib are growing old gracefully, says Joe Joseph







March of time: the people who smirked at Germaine Greer, left, and Gloria Steinem when they were young now smother the older versions with praise; and no one refers to Joan Bakewell as the "thinking man's crumpet" any more

Feminism: why age does matter

admiring, moisteyed biography, Glo-ria Steinem: The Education of a Woman by Carolyn Heilbrun, a professor of humanities at New York's Columbia University. Julie Andrews says if she weren't herself, then she'd like to be

Men have always found it young, pretty feminists. This is because men are biologically different from women, in that they possess the special Ychromosome. This is what

to do their own laundry, and a firm belief that all committed young feminists should really look like Andrea Dworkin.

The way men see it, if a 20year-old, mini-skirted Gloria Steinem or Germaine Green threatens to jump down your foreplay. If Andrea Dworkin does it, you sit down and listen

But suddenly people who smirked at the young Steinem and Greer now smother the old versions with praise. The New York Times calls Steinern "one of the best dates to take to attributes, such as the inability Gloria Steinem who was once Could Menstruate ("If men edged into the Establishment.

for championing the Black Parthers and the California fruit-pickers? The Gloria Steinem who had the world guffawing in the aisles when she suggested that "the architecture of Catholic churches mimics the female body: the outer portals serve as the labia majora, the inner portals as labia minora, the side altars as ovaries, and the high altar the

ridiculed by Middle America

uterus at the heart of the swelling dome that holds the body of the faithful"? The same Steinem who teased and baited the male establishment

could menstruate, they would brag about how often and how much")? Yup.

A few weeks ago, an organisation called the Veteran Feminists of America even gathered to pay tribute to 64year-old Steinern, who became the midwife of mass-market feminism when she founded the magazine Ms in 1972. Speaker after speaker hailed her as brilliant, strong, constant, funny . . . the praise was so gushing that even Steinem stammered: "I keep wonder-ing if I'm dead yet."

The other angry mothers of

Greer, Shere Hite and Betty Friedan, Nancy Friday and Jane Fonda they have all spawned enough grey hair and crow's feet to be taken seriously by men at last. Age has not withered them, it has made people warm to them. There is a new generation of pretty young feminists,

such as Naomi Wolf, who are taking all the heat from misogynist male book reviewers. Look at Shere Hite.

formight ago, Hite us The Hite Report, a pending on their own sexual proclivities was being fêted in Oxford not as a pornpeddler but as a

preacher for human rights. Delivering the Amnes-ty Lecture at the Sheldonian Theatre, she decried religious fundamentalism which, she argued, opposes the secular

Western tradition of tolerance. Groucho Marx used to joke that he knew Doris Day before she was a virgin. Does anyone remember Germaine Greer before she was a grannyish, grey-haired elder stateswoman who now appears on telly not so that chat show hosts can wink at the camera and giggle at what they regard

> The world now sees Greer as a fount of old-woman

wisdom

Those with long memories seem to recall a slot-filler put the late 1960s which featured a flirtatious, raunchy young lec-turer in English from Warwick University called Germ-aine Greer, who wore teeny skirts, a frizzy perm, had the word "Golly!" plastered across her chest and spouted lines such as: "It takes a fairly hefty breeze to blow my skirts above my knees/But it takes a hurricane, once up, to blow them

n her book. The Female Eunuch, this young icon-oclast wrote: "As far as adornment in a conscious and creative way, they are not emblems of inauthenticity... the cheapest and some of the

were jolied when Greer turned on Guardian columnist Su-zanne Moore last year and ridiculed her for sporting "bird's-nest hair", tarty shoes, baring "three fat inches of

school", a "pouting pundit".
"So much lipstick," said Dulux colour chart, she ad-Greer, "must rot the brain." So vises, or you'll just look like a hussy. And maybe Shaw was much for cheap and cheerful greasepaint then.

But the thing is that now that Greet has grey hair and

right when he said youth was wasted on the young.

Greer sees the younger gen-

disappointment. So those who

Friedan attacked the feminis

the central role of the In Britain, Rosie Boycott, one of the founders of the now defunct Spare Rib, has also strolled into the

The Feminine Mystique and

widely regarded as mother of

the American women's move-

ment, worries more about the

problems of old age than the

ferred to as "the thinking man's crompet" nowadays is in yellowing newspaper clip-pings. Tell that to young kids today, and they just won't



Greer, left, Steinem and Bakewell during their bra-burning days

teaches a little, writes a little, tends her farmyard animals a little - and they see a fount of wise old-woman wisdom. Don't rail against the meno-

pause, says Greer, relish it as liberation from the unsatis-

factory hurly-burly of sex

also find them a ranting bunch of harpies (as they did Greer and Steinem 30 years ago), find themselves nodding symnathetically with Green, almost, as it were, by default. It's the same with Betty.



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How the Marchioness of Worcester became the champion of the Newbury protesters

.' I don't want gifts. I want to change the world

thing seriously driven and determined about the Marchioness of Worcester, the erstwhile actress Tracy Ward. Tracy Worcester, as she is known in the Green world. last weekend led a walk along the proposed route of the Newbury bypass.

Her new baby, Xan, sleeps in his pram on the doorstep. It is a long time since I have seen a London child left outside in a pram. And it is the perilous world that Lord Alexander Somerset will inherit that so

exercises Tracy.
Her house, The Cottage on the edge of the Gloucestershire park of Badminton House home to the annual horse trials - is a large dowerhouse in mellow stone. It is wonderfully chaotic. This is a house where children come first, and time is not wasted on unnecessary, energy-consuming laundering. Tracy's boots are scuffed, her face devoid of artifice. Her car is an aged BMW filled with childish debris - tapes, cans, wrappers.

Outside the sky was blue, so Tracy put on a woollen cap and an Afghan jacket inherited from her mother-in-law (the late Duchess of Beaufort) and. led me via maze-like box hedges to a grassy sward. We carried a wooden bench from the poolside. The pool was frozen, but Lady Isabella, aged . five, had just broken the ice and had a swim. (The eldest child, Bobby, Earl of Glamorgan, aged seven, was at his

Tracy is lucky, as she says. At 37, she does not have to work: she does not have to commute along pollutionfolk who toil at Friends of the Earth (FoE) headquarters. So she invites them for weekend seminars here — "I can't think how they survive in the busiest part of London: people who work for the environment should be able to get out into the environment."

I have just walked through pedestrianised Chippenham. with its empty shops. This is what happens, Tracy says, when people build bypasses

Titled ladies who and out-of-town hypermar-espouse good causes kets. It's killed the shops, the are hardly a novelty high street. The centre is dead. but there is some—But which political party is But which political party is challenging it? They are all on

the global treadmill I went to Mongolia recently and the people in the aero-plane were all businessmen getting Mongolians to make cheap shirts for Americans. Every company is forced now to comb the globe for cheaper labour, so small businesses die and big ones grow. The Third World is persuaded to want Barbie dolls and Nike shoes, their identity rocked by the persuasive insistence of our



multinationals."

It all seems a million miles from this pastoral idyll, loud with birdsong. The roads of car-free Badminton are safe. Tracy can raise her children... so far - without computer games, television or junk food. Tracy was brought up in the village of Cornwell in Oxfordshire, whose only shop is now closed. Why, she wants to know, are the sandwiches sold

in their local Boots made in

Essex? Nobody questions it.

this? Why are 12,000 farmers and farm labourers leaving the land every year?" She harangues everyone like this, at every opportunity. The other night she found herself sitting next to Henry Kissinger at dinner. Tracy, I agree with every word you

say," he solemnly told her. In London she is famous for her ministers' dinners with Sir Crispin Tickell as co-host. "He

to invite; nobody would come if it was just me. Guests have included William Waldegrave, Sir Jonathon Porritt, Brian Mawhinney and Sir Terence Burns. "I don't speak myself. I get the people who can articulate best about how the world has gone wrong. She began to tell me what Gillian Shephard had said, until she remembered that "Chatham House rules" operate.

"What I've discovered is that politicians are part of this dobal process, signing away their powers to unelected bu-reaucracies in the interests of the World Bank or the OECD. if you challenge them on the farming system — wouldn't it be better if we produced nutritious food locally? - they say sorry, my hands are tied by Europe. We tried to stop tuna being caught in nets dangerous to dolphins. Can't do that, it's Gatt-illegal.' They admit to being suffocated by global trade agreements.

They are powerless: powe is in the hands of money and trade; they are in thrall to the economic system. I once asked a Texan oil man. Syd Bass, Why don't you look at alternative energy systems? He said the competition is so overpow ering that they can only think of getting their produce sold as cheaply and as massively as

r husband the Marquess, the Duke of Beaufort's heir, whom she married in 1987, does not take part in her eco-gatherings. She calls him Harry, not his nickname, Bunter. "I think he's called that because he's quite clumsy. If you're 6ft 6in. things do fly. But he's ravish-

ing, kind and generous."
When Xan was born (at in an NHS hospital in Bristol) she donated the £2,000 saved on medical fees to the Metropolitan Transport Research Unit. "And Harry gave me a whacking cheque for the environment movement. He knows I don't want jewellery, I don't want gifts. I want to change the world. I think we've got to, if we're going to have a future. I think the planet will be laughing. It will gives me carte blanche on who survive but we won't if we



The Marchioness of Worcester with Bella and Xan: "We've got to change if we're going to have a future." Photograph by Peter Nicholis

century without any social responsibility. We've got to change: we can't rely on governments to do it."

The former star of the television series Cats' Eyes. and sister of the actress Rachel Ward, dreads being offered an irresistible role again.

"I only care about my family, my children, the quality of the air they breathe, places to walk in peace and tranquillity. If we make our lives unpleasant, is that progress?

"Everybody cares about these things, but most people are too busy in their jobs to act. It takes time to unravel the lies and rhetoric and to try to change the state we're in. You can't save an elephant, you have to save an eco-system. So I decided to throw my lot in with Friends of the Earth. The people there have a vision so pure and so right."

Her first FoE project was the Rainforest Ball at the Hippodrome in 1988. Her name helped to sell too many tickets. "So embarrassing," she says. "Seven months organising and it was bedlam. But we did raise £125,000."

ast year she joined Bel Mooney in her Batheaston bypass protest. "People would say: 'I know we need these 44-ton lorries. We don't need these lorries or this Euro-route subsidising mass production from all over the world.

"And if everyone in Newbury could see the bigger picture they would be united. The message is: stop building roads, they only attract more traffic. There is a cheaper and more beneficial way than spending £101 million. Tonight she hosts a dinner

for 20 guests from the Soil Association and Compassion in World Farming, plus the local vicar. She will give them venison — she will serve meat if the animals "have had a happy life and are nutritious, not pumped with chemicals" - and organic vegetables. On the agenda: why local quangos subsidise huge multinationals just to soak up a few of the

unemployed in Bristol.

It was time to breastfeed Xan. Bella and friends raced round the table in witches' hats. Tracy, impervious to the commotion, said: "What I've learnt is that small is beautiful, but small has no power. We have to unite, to fight the globalisation that disempowers us and undermines democracy. That is why I am a networker. And a mother,"

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Philip Howard



There's a managerial row in the Close tonight, and all of Barchester cowers

That is this, bishop, about your stipend? said Mrs Proudie, coming to the end of the table and standing there. Obadiah Slope did not permit the bishop to answer, but replied himself. I have proposed a motion at the General Synod, ma'am, to abolish stipend differentials. In this day and age of Our Lord it is obscene for a bishop, even for the Bishop of Barchester, to earn twenty times as much as the curate of Plumstead Parva, Perhaps I ought not to interfere, but yet —"
"Certainly you ought not, sir," cried the in-

furiated dame. And why should you so categorise my lord's emoluments as obscene? What Socinian and Erastian cant is that?"

"That is the language of Church-management-speak, marm," replied the slippery Slope, with a sanctified smirk. "If we of the Church are going to network with and be a partner-in-change with other parts of society then we must learn to speak their language of management and share our own theological jargon. Jargon after all is merely a way of e-mailing grid references for concepts. Just as the teachers in our Barsetshire schools now spend more time in self-appraisal and appraising each other's self-appraisals than they do in front of their blackboards, so we men of the cloth must find a developmental facilitative approach. We need to maximise the potential of our human resources to empower the lesser clergy by assigning them areas of decisionmaking. This may necessitate an element of team-performance bonuses for the Cathedral Close Centre. And that must entail stipendiary equalisation."

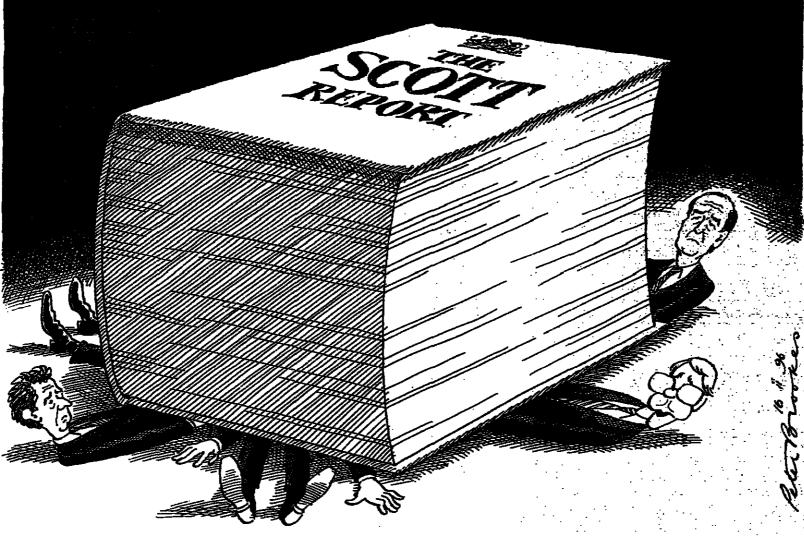
"I am not sure I quite follow that," interposed Dr Proudie, scratching his head.
"It is perfectly simple, my lord," oiled Mr Slope. "Our brethren in the Southwall Diocese have pioneered the use of Total Quality Management (TQM) for the Church. In simplistic days, our mission statement was called the Holy Gospel, but now in Barchester we must draft a new one to articulate our core values and long- and short-term goals, and identify developmental needs. Similarly we need to service our stakeholders. This is what unenlightened clergy designate as ministering to their flocks. But today the language of computers is more familiar than the dialect of shepherding, even in Barsetshire. With teamwork and focus we can blueprint a diocese in tune with tomorrow's imperatives."

Mrs Proudie was boiling over with wrath. "My lord," said she, "am I to be vouchsafed an answer about the stipend or am 1 not?"

Again Mr Slope responded on behalf of his bishop. "My lord," he said, "it is arguable particular emolument package in view of the high-risk, high-turnover nature of your work. No doubt some modifications can made in your pension arrangements, as the new management jargon describes what used to be called Providence. I will have a word with the Human Resources Manager." "Impertinence close to blasphemy." exclaimed Mrs Proudie.

"My lord," said Mr Slope, "severe critics have always supposed that the Church of England was run by a bunch of old women. Now that statistical research shows that most of our learning people and many of our non-essential front-line services managers are female, and there are even priestesses. we must ensure that we do not preach ourselves into a zero-sum scenario. You must not broadcast the sound-bite to the common media that in the cathedral close a lady wears the episcopal robe."

Without further parley, Mrs Proudie left the palace withdrawing-room, and did not forget to shut the door with resentful emphasis after her. There was no mincing of matters now. There followed a close conference between the bishop and his chaplain over the quality-control management (as Mr Slope called holiness) that was needed to keep the Church in a winwin situation. The primary task and concurrent engineering were to be found in the alternative manual that had replaced the prayer book. Without this new managerial modernisation, Mr Slope impressed upon his quaking bishop that the Church was at risk of self-destruction (the new phrase for sin), and Barsetshire plc was in a high-risk profile of bankruptcy (being damned).



"Once you've put it down, you can't pick it up."

Mountain over molehill

Then King Kong loomed over the Manhattan skyline, the citizens behaved like demented ants. Men dived into cars and crashed into lampposts. Policemen screamed and waved their arms. Beautiful girls tore their underwear. The monster smiled at them all and wrecked the Empire State Building.

Thus Downing Street in advance of yesterday's Scott report. This entire fiasco was almost vindicated by the handling of its climax. A Government pleading respect for Parliament insulted Parliament. Ministers desperate to wrongfoot their opponents handed them a gift on a plate. A Whitehall machine eager to dismiss the Scott inquiry as so much judicial self-abuse made it seem a noble crusade against men with some-thing nasty to hide. As for the excuse that it can rebut them, that is hokum.

Why the fuss? Sir Richard Scott let them all off the hook, albeit a hook of papier måchė. He was asked to answer two modest questions put to him in 1992 by the Prime Minister. One was about the status of government documents in criminal trials. The other was about the disclosure to Parliament of changes in arms trade policy. Both had caused ministers some embarrassment and arose from that bugbear of all governments, espionage. All Whitehall's great traumas, from Vassall and Blunt to Franks and Spycatcher, have arisen from the antics of spies. It is a wonder nobody thinks to abolish them.

For some reason Sir Richard was seized by pretentions to grandeur. He set out to build a mountain over a molehill. He abandoned all sense of proportion and adopted the mien of a self-confessed "naive" outsider. Theatrical public hearings were staged at which he and his assistant, Presiley Baxendale, mimicked American courtroom dramas. They treated the highest in the land like defendants in a criminal trial. With the luxury of unlimited time and the right to summon paper they roamed free over such arcane concepts as ministerial re-sponsibility. Civil Service loyalty, judicial discretion and official secrecy. They hinted at deep constitutional thoughts and duly became the despair of Whitehall and darlings of the media and even

the London stage.

The molehill remains a molehill. After the ballyhoo of his "trial of ministers" and his leaked draft report. Sir Richard Sir Richard Scott laboured long, but the grotesque result fails to address the

real questions of government

found himself backtracking on his wilder initial allegations. He is not a malicious man. Section D of his report indicates a clear misleading of Parlia-ment about the nuances of non-lethal arms exports to Iraq, but it accepts that there was no bending of the formal arms policy. His conclusion rightly asserts that where a measure of secrecy is required by policy and where ministers are relying on official advice, there is an obligation to be as frank as possible. (Ian Lang's summary of these passages was weefully partial.) Yet Sir . I nose who ! spiracy to mislead and no hanging BBC's biased dramatisation). offences to be laid at

the door of Lord Howe, William Waldegrave or their officials. There was only the usual obfuscation of parliamentary intercourse. In other words, the fault lay with the process and not the processors. In this he is

wholly convincing.
As for the public interest immunity certificates, I remain baffled by the furore. In a disclosure unthinkable in any of our trading rivals, ministers sent a judge in a criminal trial a mass of documents concerning commercial espionage. Had they not wanted them disclosed, they would not have sent them. The meaning of their action was to let the trial judge decide on disclosure. In the event he agreed. He passed documents to the defence, which showed them to the press. For the defence lawyer. Geoffrey Robertson, now to howl about "gagging orders" is absurd. Thanks to these documents, he was given the opportunity to tear the veil from the entire "arms to Iraq" affair. which he gleefully accepted. Nobody gagged him. His clients, men patently involved in making arms for the odious Saddam Hussein, got off.

A system designed to protect the activities of British spies from disclosure, yet not so as to lead to a miscarriage of justice, surely achieved its

goal. Paul Henderson, a man whose business activities might have earned him the excoriation of Mr Robert-son and *The Guardian*, emerged from their embrace a "brave MI6 agent" (which he was not) and an idol of the Left. Indeed one of the many warped consequences of Sir Richard's modus operandi was to make public heroes of the two individuals most culpable in this silly affair. Mr Henderson and the former minister, Alan Clark. They have given new meaning to "Scott free". Richard detects no insincerity, no con- were cast as knaves (not least in the

> molehills. What of Sir Richard's mountain, a veritable Ste-Victoire in its range and colouring, and in its creator's ambition? What justified three years work, three years of turmoil, publicity and anguish? Reading Scott I had an eerie sense that he had been passed a dummy. I would have

So much for the

welcomed his views on substantive matters such as the ethics of the arms trade, the efficacy of the House of Commons or the future of judicial review. Instead we have five volumes almost entirely filled with historical material on arms deals. parliamentary exchanges and commercial case law. There can be nothing left to learn of the nuances and compromises of "grey area" machine tools licensing. But after 2,000 pages and a broad exoneration, we are hardly the wiser. It is as well Sir Richard was not directed at the Pergau dam scandal. There real clashes of trade and foreign policy were at stake, and ministers were unquestionably culpable of deception. Pergau remains the one that got away.

The Scott report ends with a dying fall. It illustrates what practitioners of government know well, that theirs is a difficult calling. Wrangling ministers and officials are not inept schemers seeking to evade Sir Richard's stern reprimand. They represent real interests

in real contention. Their accountability to Parliament, as to the press and the law, is foggy, since — especially in-foreign affairs — there has to be a premium on confidentiality. Their chief enemy is time. Expecting them to cover all their traces against a Scott inquiry is like expecting Sir Richard himself having to give his report in two weeks flat, with no mistakes and subject to public scrutiny of his every move. I imagine he would not like that.

Unlike the law, government takes place in real time. Lord Franks, reporting on the intelligence failures prior to the Falklands invasion, did so quickly and incisively in one short volume. Sir-Richard's raw material was paltry, a few fudged parliamentary answers, the falled conviction of three arms dealers and some ministerial red faces. He should have spent six weeks on the job agree with Lord Howe when he says the Scott technique was unjust. Politicians sometimes deserve a rougher ride than the stagey banter of Parliament. But the report's lack of proportion and dilatoriness was grotesque.

The test of an exercise in hindsight is whether those involved would, in retrospect, have behaved differently. The thinness of Sir Richard's recommendations suggests not. There will always be a tension between sensitive policy changes and their public presentation. Ministers will always seek to shield their disagreements from the public. Water will always flow downhill. The report leaves the PII procedure (with some technical reforms) in place. It accepts commercial and security confidentiality. It agrees that ministerial responsibility is diluted by the complexity of government. The mountain reduces to eight final pages, wishing that ministers be more forthcoming with information". The coda is a pious wish that politicians might behave less like ... politicians.

This inquiry was begun after an executive, not a legal, failure. MPs Question Time and letters are not adequate properly to scrutinise modern government. Parliament hired an outside inquisitor to do this job for it, rather than delegate it to a select committees (as Congress would have done). This is a poor comment on Parliament. I read to the end of the report for advice on how better to order these things in future. I read in vain.

A blind eye to blame

Peter Riddell

thinks the Tories will survive — just

The Scott report is highly damag-ing for the Government, but will probably not be fatal for either William Waldegrave or Sir Nicholas Ly-ell. Probably, because yesterday was an occasion for propaganda, not considered judgment. It was like a Budget — a theatrical event when there is too much material to absorb at once, so immediate impressions are often misleading.

The Government case was robust but only partially convincing. The more time people had to read the report, the more partial the version presented by Ian Lang looked. He and other ministers sought to claim victory before the debate had started by defining it in very narrow terms. There were two strands: one that everyone acted honourably and, second, that the whole affair had been got up malevolently by the Opposition, which ought to apologise. This was to maintain party unity and rouse the more gullible Tory backbenchers to fury against Robin Cook their favourite bogey. But it

is partisan hogwash.

The more effective Government defence is that while mistakes were made, Mr Waldegrave and Sir Nicholas, and other ministers and officials, acted in good faith. Sir Richard Scott accepted this at his news conference. The report says that Mr Waldegrave did not have "any displicatous intention" and did not intend his letters to MPs to be "mislead-ing", though it is highly critical of his actions over export guidelines. This approach is similar to the verdict reached by Lord Franks's report into the events leading up to the Argentine inva-sion of the Falklands — that despite serious intelligence failings, the Government could not be blamed. As 13 years ago, this allows the Government to argue that everyone acted "honestly and with propriety" and there was no conspiracy to send amocent people to jail. That should be enough to protect Mr Waldegrave and Sir Nicholas. The Prime Minister last might committed himself strongly to the two ministers, and it would be a serious personal defeat if they were now forced to resign.

ut that is not the end of the story. Behaving honestly and with pro-priety may be enough to remain in office, but it does not even remotely answer the report's criticisms of ministers and officials. Mr Lang yesterday engaged in cherry-picking of the most fav-

Even a cursory dip into the five volumes shows that while ministers may have acted in good faith, they and their officials behaved at the least incompetently, and in many cases worse For instance the report concludes in volume one that guidelines on export sales "did not remain unchanged"; that the failure to inform Parliament was "deliberate"; and that intelligence information that machinetools from Matrix Churchill went to the Iraqi arms programme was "so strong" that for ministers to maintain that they were possibly for civilian use was equivalent to the Nelsonian use of a blind eye". The report also damns the Government's handling of the prosecution in the Matrix Churchill case and the signing of public interest immunity certificates, but these conclusions were brushed aside by the Government as not being in accordance with the accepted view of the law.

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The Government has a case to answer which goes well beyond the personal honour of Mr Waldegrave and Sir Nicholas. The report raises serious questions about whether the Government complied with its procedural rulebook, Questions of Procedure for Ministers (QPM). Sir Richard concludes on page 507 of the first volume that the Government's statements made in 1989 and 1990 about policy on defence exports to Iraq consistently failed to comply with the standards set out in QPM and, more important, failed to discharge the obligations imposed by the constitutional principle of ministerial accountability".

hese are not trivial matters. Even if the good faith of ministers is accepted, these issues cannot be dismissed as being of interest only to conspiracy theorists. They go to the heart of ministers' relations with Parliament, as Sir Richard discusses in a fascinating chapter on ministerial ac-countability at the end of volume four. which is likely to become an essential text for constitutional theorists. Sir Richard argues that if, as the Cabinet Secretary, Sir Robin Butler, maintains, ministers are to be excused blame and personal criticism on the basis of the absence of personal knowledge or involvement, the corollary ought to be an acceptance of the obligation to be forthcoming with information to Parliament. This is central to the failings

which the Scott report has identified. The political impact of the report will depend not just on whether Mr Waldegrave and Sir Nicholas face fresh challenges over the next week, but also on how far the general impression of devious behaviour-sticks. The key will be whether senior Tory MPs, beyond known critics like Richard Shepherd, break ranks, and on the extent of media criticism, if the Tories remain united, the two ministers should remain safe, The Covernment should be helped by the upmen in the morale of Tory MPs since the new year. If the report had come out last year when the party was in a much more tractions mood, the impact could have been much worse, and it could have been seized upon by Mr Major's critics. As it is, the report looks like battering the structure but leaving it P.H.S like battering the structure but les

Scott ho!

MAKING GOOD his escape from Whitehall. Sir Richard Scott departs this morning for a week's hunting in Ireland. His passion for the chase is undiminished indeed. he insisted on being allowed to continue the dangerous sport before agreeing to take on

His insistence was a risky proposition. Sir Richard is one of the more fearless members of the Mid-Surrey Farmers' Drag-

hounds, and a fall would have jeopardised the report. Riders of average ability would end up in hospital - or worse - if they attempted what Sir Richard takes on in the saddle. In this week's Horse and Hound, the High Court judge Sir Edward Cazalet writes an ode to his ability and lauds the stylish manner in which Scott cleared Pug's Hole - a brute of a fence at Burwash more challenging than



Scott in the saddle a jump ahead of the pack

As His Lordship sits in judgment As His Lordship sus as program.
And construes an ancient scroll.
The Litigants all whisper,
That's the Judge who sat Pug's
Hole'.

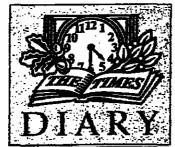
While the likes of William Waldegrave and Sir Nicholas Lyell may curse Sir Richard, the secretary of the Masters of Draghounds, Brian Stern, can only praise the man: "A rider who can jump these kinds of hedges is extremely rare. You have to be extremely brave. Some would consider such feats as reckless.

• Keen young lefties are being invited to apply for a researcher/campaigner job in the classified ads of the New States-man. The brief is to work for Michael Meacher MP researching "job insecurity". The position is available for just one year.

Bagman

ROBIN COOK, the Shadow Foreign Secretary who had to lead the assault on the Government over the Scott report after some frenetic speed-reading, had had some practice at impromptu reactions recently at Labour's Europe

Not only was his train delayed so that he arrived in Birmingham hours late, but the bag containing



the speech he was to make was stolen on the journey. Despite the odds, Cook made it to the conference platform before the end of the day's session, and did his bit without anyone noticing anything

Powell-axed

CARLA POWELL hot-blooded wife of Baroness Thatcher's former private secretary Sir Charles. has brought Lord Wyatt's dizzy daughter Petronella to book over the Italian male.

Responding to Petsy's extraordinary piece in last week's Spectator claiming that Italian chaps didn't measure up to much, she dashed off a furious letter in support of her COUNTYMEN.

blades. "Men for men, the Italian male has out-scored his English counterpart throughout history." she

writes. "Machiavelli v Burke? Leonardo v Turner? Palladio v Adam? Casanova v -- well who is your choice, Petronella?"

Ivy league

THERE are worse places to be holed up than in a well-known restaurant during a bomb scare. Yesterday, well-heeled lunchers who had taken refuge from the tedium of the Scott recriminations at the Ivy found themselves incarcerated.

Neither entry nor egress was possible as police investigated the problem. Peter Lilley was turned away, while Clive Anderson and Josephine Hart were locked inside. There was compensation though when, in despair at the frustration of diners, the restaurant offered free champagne all round.

Ouite unfit

KEEP-FIT NEWS: the singer Cher. hurtling towards her 50th birthday, is said to be stepping out with Matt Dillon, a twenty-something actor still working his way through his first packet of razor

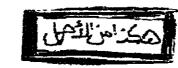
Some might consider this reported union a marvel of biology, a welcome triumph over the forces



"I'm having an arms crisis"

of gravity. Not Cindy Adams of the New York Post. Admitting to jealousy, she commented vesterday: "Imean, Cher has garter-belts older than this guy."

■ A brace of traffic policemen with the Lothian and Borders force was out on the moors the other day, trapping speeding motor-ists with a radar gun. Suddenly the gun jammed - permaner — after registering a speed of more than 300 miles per hour. Seconds later a low-flying Harrier jet screamed overhead.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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ROUND ONE

The Government is not yet Scott-free

Ian Lang picked his way through the Scott damning sentence is in the conclusion. report with the aplomb of one who had a map of the minefield that others. Opposition and press, could not yet have mastered. That advantage will not last for long. Sir Richard found ministers to have acted like fools. He did not, crucially, conclude that they were knaves. No individual will be off the hook for some time yet. On the substance of policy (lest it be forgotten in the furore), Sir Richard concludes unequivocally that the policy on exports to Iraq did change in 1988, and that this change should have been drawn to the attention of Parliament.

Lawyers can, and doubtless will, have a field day with the report's contention that in law, ministers were wrongly advised to sign public interest immunity certificates in the Matrix Churchill case. Certainly, the conduct of government over the Matrix Churchill trial comes in for some trenchant criticism. Ministers were advised both by: Treasury lawyers and by the Attorney-General, Sir Nicholas Lyell, that they had a duty to sign public interest immunity (PII) certificates covering documents that would have been useful to the defence. Michael Heseltine believed that these documents ought to be disclosed. He demanded that his .PII express his reservations and asked that they be passed on to the prosecution.

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Sir Nicholas, Sir Richard argues, was wrong in principle and in practice: ministers are not under a duty to sign PII certificates, particularly in a criminal trial, if they believe that the public interest requires disclosure. Sir Richard writes, "the view of the law on which the making of the PII class claims in the Matrix Churchill case was based was unsound". The Attorney-General's advice was "based on a fundamental misconception of the principles of PH law".

Sir Nicholas is also found guilty of failing to ensure that Mr Heseltine's reservations were passed on. Here Sir Richard is categoric: "I do not accept that he was not personally at fault . . . I would have expected him to recognise that important constitutional and legal issues were raised by Mr Heseltine's stand and to have ensured that Mr Moses . . . was adequately instructed.

For the Government's most senior law officer to be accused of such mistakes is no cause for confidence. Combined with his failure to ensure that Mr Heseltine's anxieties were communicated, it must seem that the avoidance of political embarrassment was given precedence over the in-

For the Government as a whole, the most supplied, let alone applied the broom.

There was, he says, "a consistent undervaluing by Government of the public interest that full information should be made available to Parliament. Time and again, the Government "failed to discharge the obligations imposed by the constitutional principle of Ministerial accountability - 2 failure which "undermines, in my opinion." the democratic process".

The core of the Government's defence, and the source of its relief, is that Sir Richard does clear ministers of "duplicitious intention". He was prepared to accept that ministers believed, however mistakenly, that "they were avoiding a formal change to the guidelines" announced in 1985 on exports to Iran and Iraq policy. They believed the relaxed interpretation of the guidelines, with respect to Iraq, to be "a justifiable use of the flexibility believed to be inherent in the guidelines".

In consequence, although he finds that information given by William Waldegrave, the minister whose career has been most centrally in question, "was apt to mislead" and that he "was in a position to know that this was so", he accepts that he did not intend his letters and answers to Parhamentary Questions to be misleading and did not so regard them". The duplicity, he writes, lay in "the flexibility claimed for the guidelines". Crucially not only for Mr Waldegrave but for the Government, the report concludes that had he known that the machine tools exported to Iraq were for military use, "he would not have given way".

Labour had a difficult time yesterday. Its central accusations - that ministers conspired to mislead Parliament, that they operated a cover-up by "gagging orders" in the Matrix Churchill case and that Mr Waldegrave was as complicitous as Alan . Clark in nods and winks that let exports with military uses reach Iraq - do not on an initial reading appear to stand. Dishonesty, however, is not the only issue. In page after page, ministers and officials are charged with incompetence and, even more damagingly, with a cavalier attitude to accountability.

This is where, in the longer term, the Scott report is likely to be judged most important and most disappointing. The report reads like more like a lawyer's brief than a guide to better government. Its recommendations are disappointingly narrow and technical. The light shone into Whitehall has revealed many murky corridors; but it has not

YELTSIN AGAIN

A two-horse field for the Russian leadership stakes

From the moment that he emerged from hospital last November, it was clear that President Yeltsin would seek a second term. Yesterday he confirmed that speculation, announcing that he had a duty to "consolidate. all healthy forces and prevent shocks that could lead to civil war." Gennadi Zyuganov, the Communist leader, also announced that he would run, to prevent "the destruction of our country". Despite the plethora of other potential candidates, including Vladimir Zhirinovsky, the June election should be a straight fight between the two men.

Since Mr Yeltsin was elected in 1991; Russia has experienced change. Market reform, which first spurted ahead, has sputtered under Viktor Chernomyrdin. But it has Political pluralism is now so entrenched that even the Communists do not demand a return to the monolith of power. Prices have been freed and most subsidies abolished. The currency is convertible within Russia and inflation tamed. The press, though often intimidated, remains outspoken.

All these are achievements: but they are not irreversible. Too few reforms have been codified. Criminality has spread into every reach of life, and private enterprise is too entangled with crime. Monetary stability is threatened by the lack of fiscal discipline. and Mr Yeltsin is still too ready to buy social peace by printing money and handing out wage increases to miners, pensioners and others. Mr Zyuganov may not lead his country back to Stalinism, but he could halt the change and revive the old ways of political intimidation.

There are many reasons why Mr Yeltsin does not deserve a second term. His health is so poor that, like Brezhnev, he is now virtually a prisoner of his doctors and selfseeking Kremlin aides. He has made spectacular miscalculations, notably in Chechenia, and is trying to exonerate himself by pandering to nationalists while blaming underlings. He has retreated so far from reform that he no longer is a real advocate of the unfinished revolution. And by running again, he perpetuates the example of a Kremlin politician unable to leave office gracefully.

And yet Mr Yelisin remains the only man nominally committed to a post-communist order who has any chance of success. He has appointed men, such as his Foreign Minister, who may hark back to nationalist communism, but who so far have co-operated soberly with the West. He is, at heart, a democrat, however bearish his behaviour. The West has learnt to do business with him. Yet it would be wrong to count on his return: Western politicians must work with whomever is elected. Open backing for Mr Yeltsin may indeed be counter-productive in this nationalist age. But, faute de mieux, if it is a choice of Yeltsin or Zyuganov, the West has no difficulty in making its preference clear.

FLOREAT SERENA

Amateurism in the pursuit of villains is no vice

It is the footfall of Gucci rather than the thud of Plod's size thirteens on Brighton's lanes that now strikes fear among the town's vil lains. Serena Soames has put the constabulary to shame with her DIY detective work.

The wife of the Armed Forces Minister Nicholas tracked down valuables burgled from her home and fenced to Lovejoys. Her success is proof that the great English writers of detective fiction are right. In a world of DNA fingerprinting and electronic surveillance the best way to catch a crook is still to engage an amateur sleuth.

Since Sherlock Holmes first doffed his deerstalker to Lestrade of the Yard it has been the private eye who has had the edge over the State's men. Lord Peter Wimsey and Harriet Vane, in their urbanity almost the equals of Nicholas and Serena Soames, bossed a better clean-up rate than the West Midlands Serious Crime Squad Miss Marple dealt with suspicious deaths in St Mary Mead - which gave the village a higher murder rate than downtown LA without so much as dropping a stitch. Hercule Poirot and Albert Campion struck fear into the black hearts of any country

house killer. Now the mention of Serena Soames's name should induce a tremble in the fingers of any country house burglar.

Amateur gumshoes bring talents to the apprehension of criminals that elude the professionals of Scotland Yard. Father Brown's insights into men's immortal souls yielded better clues than the imprints of their perishable soles. A practised huntswoman, Mrs Soames brought the virtues of the hunting field to the pursuit of her cherished oak bootjack. Determination, a love of the chase and a willingness to carry on when the trail went cold helped the countrywoman sniff out the swag the urban force failed to find. What better school of character can there be than the saddle, what better teacher

of persistence than wily Reynard? Puddy-duddies argue that leaving law and order to the layman encourages the vigilante, but Mrs Soames's success proves you should not look a gifted horsewoman in the mouth. The first place in the fight against crime must go to the police, but room should still be made for the gifted amateur. The British always prefer gentleman to players, Sir, I was amazed to read your report today that an unnamed health authority has, apparently, agreed to fund a surrogate pregnancy from the public

Maternity as free

service on NHS

From Dr Paul Crawford Walker

As a former Director of Public Health, responsible for advising my own health authority what health services it should purchase under the then new internal market arrangements in the NHS, I advised in 1992 that it should not purchase so-called assisted conception procedures such as IVF and GIFT. The grounds were that these procedures were expensive and did not confer any measurable health benefits.

The same arguments can be applied with even greater force to surrogate pregnancy. They could also, it should be noted, be applied to natural pregnancy, leading to the obvious question of why should the NHS provide free maternity care?

It is possible, I believe, to argue that health is a fundamental human right and that therefore a civilised society should protect, promote and restore it as a publicly financed collective good. There is of course the corresponding duty on individuals to do all they reasonably can to protect, promote and restore their own health. I do not consider, however, that having children is a fundamental human right requiring an equivalent collective response.

In lifty years time we will look upon the notion that having children is such a right with the same puzzlement with which we now regard the view, once enshrined in law, that wives were merely chattels.

In the meantime, we must make a start somewhere to promote this new enlightened ethical framework. Denying publicly funded surrogate pregnancy seems as good a place as any. Yours sincerely. P. C. WALKER

(Director of Public Health, Norwich Health Authority, 1989-93), 8 Church Avenue. Sneyd Park, Bristol, Avon. February 13.

Medicine and therapy

From Dr Alastair J. Baker

Sir, I read with interest and concern your article on an infant suffering neonatal jaundice whose parents believe her to have been cured by Chinese medicine ("Little Amber's Chinese cure", Body and Mind, February 6; see also letters, February 8, 13).

As one of the team of paediatric hepatologists responsible for the investigation and care of the child in question I know that the management of her case was along lines which would be regarded as conventional in any centre practising modern medicine throughout the world.

No sensible doctor would dismiss out of hand the potential pharmacological value of any type of treatment, including Chinese medicine; however, the value of such treatment can only be accepted once it has been subjected to properly designed scientific scrutiny. No Chinese herb or medicine has been proven to have any beneficial effect whatsoever on any form of neonatal jaundice. The potential toxicity of such medicine is widely recognised and its risks must be considerably greater in new-born children.

Any parent who seeks management of an infant with jaundice by Chinese medicine to the exclusion of conventional medical care, takes a very grave risk with the life and wellbeing of the

Yours faithfully, A.J. BAKER (Consultant Paediatric Hepatologist), King's College Hospital, Denmark Hill, SE5.

From Mr D. L. Crosby

Sir, Doubtless large numbers of people claim to feel better after indulging in aromatherapy, reflexology and similar pursuits, as your leading article ("The healing touch", February 5) indicates: but does this mean that these should be provided free? Obviously those who wish to pay for such activities should not be discouraged from doing so.

Quite rightly, it is now perceived that all NHS provision should be scrutinised for efficiency and safety. It is certainly not time to give carte blanche to a whole host of nebulous therapies which have not passed simi-

Yours sincerely. DAVID CROSBY (Chairman). Cardiff Community Healthcare Trenewydd, Fairwater Road,

Cricket dilemma

Llandaff, Cardiff 5.

From Mr Jim Dutton

Sir, The dilemma facing the cricket authorities over the World Cup fixtures scheduled for Colombo (report, Sport, February 13; see also letters, February 7, 8) is in stark contrast to a somewhat similar crisis 27 years ago.

In January 1969 I had occasion as Acting High Commissioner to entertain to dinner some members of the MCC party visiting Ceylon (as it then was) in preparation for a Test series in Pakistan, Colin Cowdrey was the MCC captain and no doubt remembers the occasion.

After the meal we listened to a modest portable radio on which it was just especially when the gentlemen are ladies. possible to hear that serious rioting

had broken out in Pakistan. Discussion ensued on whether there was sufficient potential danger to life and limb to warrant crying off from the next stage of the tour.

One of my guests, who shall be nameless, was particularly loath to go, and in the light of what subsequently happened in Lahore it is difficult in retrospect to blame him. But in the event the consensus was that the

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your Law Report, now made it clear that the right to silence is not an absolute right and that drawing inferences from silence in appropriate circumstances is only "a matter of common sense" and "could not be regarded as unfair or unreasonable in the circum-

But this was a minor element in the stances". judgment: indeed on the facts of the It is indeed a triumph for British case it was almost an irrelevance as justice when a court, which many see as excessively liberal, upholds as fair the applicant had maintained his silence both before and after access to a and reasonable commonsense princisolicitor, and the court awarded no ples which go some way to redressing compensation (and only about one the balance between criminal and vic-

Yours faithfully. PIERS ASHWORTH. Harcourt F lence in situations which clearly called February 12.

Countryside pursuits

From the Chief Executive of the British Field Sports Society

Sir, I know that I can speak on behalf of the 5 million country sports sup-porters in lauding the letter from Messrs Major, Blair and Ashdown (February 9; see also letters, February 12 and 15). However, I hope the leaders' sentiments will now be emulated by their fellow MPs.

As your excellent leading article, "Three countrymen" (February 9) pointed out, by "advocating the protection of our countryside in its rich personality and character" our politicians must recognise the vital role that country sports play in managing and maintaining rural England.

It is no coincidence that 70 per cent of all new woodland planting on farms in England and Wales is for sporting purposes, that rivers frequented by anglers are kept healthy and pollution-free, or that we have the healthiest herd of red deer on Exmoor,

an area whose culture is centred around deer hunting.

Yours faithfully. ROBIN HANBURY-TENISON. Chief Executive, British Field Sports Society, 59 Kennington Road, SEI. February 9.

From the Chairman of the Executive Committee, League Against Cruel Sports

Sir. Contrary to your leader of February 9, support for a ban on fox hunting is not merely a "modish metropolitan enthusiasm".

A Gallup poll published in November 1991 revealed that 77 per cent of rural residents would approve if Parliament outlawed foxhunting — only 2 per cent less than the nationwide support for a ban.

Yours sincerely, JOHN COOPER, Chairman, Executive Committee, League Against Cruel Sports. Sparling House, 83-87 Union Street, SEI.

Indian child labour

From Mr Kevan Bundell

Sir, Your report of February 3, "Drive to ban child labour makes India poor poorer", makes no mention of the main problem, adult unemployment. While children are weaving carpets in northern India, many of their parents are unemployed or under-employed. working only odd days as farm labourers or breaking stones in the quar-

The South Asian Coalition on Child Servitude (SACCS), supported by Christian Aid, believes that it is child labour which triggers a cycle of illiteracy, indebtedness, indignity and pov-

Adult unemployment leads to pov-erty; poverty leads to child labour;

child labour results in lack of education and stunted physical and mental growth, which in turn lead to unemployment in adulthood.

This victous circle is the reason why SACCS is promoting the Rugmark la-bels on exported Indian carpets. Contrary to the impression given in your report, we believe that the scheme can make a significant contribution to ending the abuse of child labour in the carpet industry and that it points the way to reducing child exploitation elsewhere.

Yours faithfully. **KEVAN BUNDELL** (Senior Programme Officer, South Asia Team), Christian Aid. PO Box 100, London SEI 7RT. February 7.

vital decision could be left to the authorities concerned, namely Lord's and our High Commissioner in Karachi. and all the party duly went, personal feelings thus being suppressed for the

greater good. History reveals that if the decision of the authorities to proceed with the tour proved to be mistaken, there was never, despite all the mayhem, any serious threat to the cricketers themselves. The worst personal injury suffered was to the personal pride of Alan Knott who was denied a maiden cen-

Yours truly. JIM DUITON, Cockerhurst Tyrrells Wood, Leatherhead, Surrey. February 13.

tury by one run.

Lords reform: the barbarians are not yet at the gate

From Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, OM

Sir, The reform of the House of Lords (letters, February 9 and 13) is and has long been a difficult and clusive matter. It can be argued that, even as at present constituted, the second chamber exhibits more signs of both health and independence as a constitutional organ than does today's House of

Commons. It is however marred not merely by logical indefensibility (which should not be given too much weight) but by the dreary willingness of a big reserve tank of hereditary Conservatives to allow themselves to be from time to time whipped against wisdom, as with the poll tax, or in favour of some of Mr Michael Howard's knee-jerk propo-

It will nonetheless require an unusual deadliness of aim to produce a new chamber which combines the virtues of the old with a new political fair-ness without making it the biggest of all quangos.

Despite these qualifications, what I find nonsensical is the attempt by the Government and others to portray proposals to restrain the right to sit and vote of hereditary ocers as a constitutional monstrosity, a sign of barbarians at the gate, and an undermining of the defences of the monarchy. This is typical of the unhistorical ig norance which characterises so much government thought, from the Prime

Minister downwards.

Right to silence

February 9).

From Mr Piers Ashworth, QC

Sir, Some sections of the media are ea-

ger to portray decisions of the Euro-pean Court of Human Rights as de-feats for British justice. Those deci-sions that uphold British law some-

times receive less attention. Such was

the Murray v United Kingdom case

(Republican wins £15,000 from hu-

man rights court"; also Law Report,

It is true that the court held that

denial of access to a solicitor for 48

hours was a breach of the Convention.

and this was the part of the decision

The important element of the deci-

sion was that the court upheld the

right of a judge or jury to draw ad-

highlighted in the media.

quarter of his costs).

1. In 1907 Lord Newton, a prominent Conservative peer, brought forward a proposal which involved eliminating three quarters of the hereditary peers from the House of Lords. It was supported by the Dukes of Devonshire and Northumberland and the Archbishop of Canterbury.

I cite six occasions in this century:

2. In 1910 Lord Rosebery (never nominally a Conservative, but already so far to the right as to make Sir John Simon, a leading Liberal of the next generation, appear a flaming radical) proposed a measure of reform of which "a necessary preliminary" was that "the possession of a peerage should no longer of itself give the right to sit and vote in the House of Lords". 3. In 1911 Lord Lansdowne, the Conservative Leader in the Lords, moved a Bill to restrict the number of hereditaries to 150 (in a House of 350), elected by the others from specified categories which included ex-Ministers, former viceroys, governors, high commissioners, ambassadors, and privy counsellors. This seems to me remark-

ably close to the likely outcome of what is currently proposed. 4. In the Parliament Act of that year the preamble stated the intention "to substitute for the House of Lords as it at present exists a Second Chamber constituted on a popular instead of a

hereditary basis". 5. In 1933, this preamble having remained an aspiration, that notable re-

for an explanation from him. This was

a novel principle that was introduced

generally into our criminal law only

two years ago (in Northern Ireland

some years previously) in the face of

considerable opposition (letters, Octo-

The opponents of the legislation

maintained that it was unfair and in-

fringed an accused's "fundamental"

right to silence. The European Court

of Human Rights has, according to

ber 9, 14, 1993).

volutionary, the fourth Marquess of Salisbury, brought forward another plan to reduce the number of heredi-

6. In 1967-68 Lords Carrington and Jellicoe (Conservative Leader and Deputy Leader in the Lords), together with Iain Macleod, agreed to an all-party scheme by which existing hereditaries would lose their right to vote and their successors the right to sit. Only the unholy alliance of Michael Foot and Enoch Powell prevented this scheme becoming law.

This long chronicle may on the one hand be taken as an illustration of how reforming the Lords is as difficult as grasping an eel; on the other it exposes the farce of the modern Conservarive Party treating the invasion of the hereditary principle as a dastardly depredation.

I find it increasingly difficult to understand the curious dichotomy by which that party on the one hand threatens so many established institu-tions which work well, from HMSO to the Post Office to Civil Service recruitment, and on the other gathers

up its skirts in horror at any change in our constitutional arrangements. which on the whole have come to work badly.

Yours faithfully ROY JENKINS. House of Lords. February 13.

Questions of race

From Mrs Rosemary Charles

Sir, When news of trouble attributed to race starts coming from supposedly tranquil Somerset (report, February 6) perhaps we should consider where such divisions originate.

I have recently been asked to state my ethnic origin (I have refused) when applying for an office job, joining an adult education day-class and — unbelievably — by the Guide Associa-tion. I would suggest that only qualifications and experience are relevant in the first case, the ability to pay in the second, and willingness to give time and commitment in the third. Although one could argue about further details, the place of birth of my ancestors is, or should be, irrelevant.

The organisations demanding this information are doing nothing but increase division by giving it some sort of official validation.

Yours faithfully, R. E. CHARLES. 6 Bridewell Street Wymondham, Norfolk.

Convoy lore

From Commodore Paul Branscombe, RN

Sir. I have been pondering Chancellor Kohl's analogy of a convoy (letters. February 7 and 9) and the general lessons that might be drawn from it for the European Community.

It was a deeply reactionary and prejudiced Admiralty which initially opposed convoys; proponents represented more dynamic naval thinking, backed by scientific analysis.

The convoy's speed was not itself the key. It was the ability to concentrate scarce escort vessels that proved decisive. Even then complete safety was not assured — serious losses still occurred in the body of the convoy as

well as to stragglers.
Furthermore, the tragic scattering in 1942 of the Arctic convoy, PQ17. demonstrated the catastrophic result of panic decisions by top leadership in isolation.

Eurosceptics may like to recall that large liners, most of them proudly bearing royal names and Americabound, sailed alone at top speed and almost always went unscathed.

Yours faithfully, PAUL BRANSCOMBE. Ministry of Defence, Quay House, The Ambury, Bath, Avon.

Floral tributes

From Mrs Rosemary Stevens

Sir, I would rather my nearest and dearest give me flowers while I am alive and able to enjoy them (letters, February 1, 8, 9, 15). On the occasions when I have visited my local crematorium and seen the masses of flowers laid out by the undertakers. I have wondered whether the recently departed had ever received such beautiful flowers during their lifetimes.

Yours sincerely, ROSEMARY STEVENS, 48 Thurlestone Road, Ruislip, Middlesex. February 9.

Many thanks

From Mrs Helen Corkery

Sir, Better late than never, a letter arrived this morning from a five-yearold, thanking me for a lovely Christmas present and wishing me a Happy New Year. Remembering that a round of thank-you letters is a hard task for the young I was much impressed.

Later I realised that it was a photocopy with my name added in pencil.

Yours faithfully, HELEN CORKERY,

52 Harrison Close, Woodlands, Reigate, Surrey.



COURT CIRCULAR

students in the Chancellor's Hall.

Senate House, Malet Street,

February 15: Mr William Tallon today had the honour of being received by Queen Elizabeth The

Queen Mother when Her Majesty. on behalf of The Queen, decorated

him with a Bar to the Royal

Victorian Medal (Silver). Mr Michael Sealey also had the

honour of being received by Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother

when Her Majesty, on behalf of The Queen, decorated him with a

Bar to the Royal Victorian Medal

February 15: This morning The Prince of Wales, President. The

Prince's Trust, received the Exec-utive Director (Mr Tom

Shebbeare) and, as President, Business in the Community, re-

ceived the Chief Executive (Miss

February 15: The Duke of Kent,

Honorary Air Vice-Marshal, this morning visited Royal Air Porce St Athan, Barry, South Glamorgan.
His Royal Highness this evening attended a concert in support

of the World Monuments Fund in

Britain, at Spencer House, St

James's Place, London SW1.
The Duchess of Kent, Patron.

UNICEF, this morning visited the

Social Welfare Centre, Balhadi Lumbini Baug and the Lumbini Baug Municipal School. Bombay, Maharashtra, India.

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CLARENCE HOUSE

BUCKINGHAM PALACE February 15: His Excellency Mr Ronald Sanders was received in audience by The Queen upon his appointment as High Commis-sioner for Antigua and Barbuda in

Mrs Sanders was also received

by Her Majesty.
Captain Edward Macfarlane was received by The Queen upon relinquishing his appointment as Temporary Equerry to Her

Majesty. Mr Justice Langley was received by The Queen upon his appointment as a Justice of the High Court when Her Majesty conferred upon him the honour of Knighthood and invested him with the Insignia of a

The Queen, Air Commodore in-Chief, Royal Air Force Regiment. received Air Commodore Timothy Thorn upon relinquishing his appointment as Commandant General and Air Commodore lan McNeil upon assuming the

BUCKINGHAM PALACE February 15: The Princess Royal. Patron, this afternoon visited British Universities Sports Association Headquarters, Union Street.

Landon SEI. Her Royal Highness. Chancellor. University of London, later attended a presentation ceremony for external students at the Barbican Centre. Silk Street, London

The Princess Royal, Chancellor, University of London, this evening attended a Reception for external

The Duke of Edinburgh will visit

Prince Edward, as Trustee of The

Duke of Edinburgh's Award, will visit Consolidated Financial In-

surance. Vantage West, Great

West Road, West London, at 3.45.

The Duke of Kent, Patron, the

National Army Museum, will visit the special exhibition "Bonnie

Prince Charlie -- Fact and Fiction". Royal Hospital Road, SW3, at 10.30.

Trinity School at 11.45.

Today's royal

engagements

The Earl of Warwick

A Memorial Service will be held at The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will visit Croydon, to mark the 400th anniversary of the Whitgift Foundation. The Queen St Mary's, Warwick, on Monday. February 19, at 12.15pm. Travel Arrangements: A train departs Marylebone at 9.45am and arrives and the Duke of Edinburgh will at Warwick at 11.36am. A coach visit the Almshouses Hospital of will be waiting at Warwick station to take people to the church and Holy Trinity at 10.45; the Arts and Leisure Complex, Croydon Clocktower, at 11.15; and Old return them after the service. Parking is available at St Nicholas Palace School at 12.30. The Queen will visit Whitgift School at 11.45 and will visit Whitgift House Care Home for the Elderly at 12.05. car park opposite the Castle Gates.

Professor Ernest Geliner

A Memorial Service for Professor Ernest Geliner will be held in King's College Chapel on Saturday, February 24, 1996, at 2.30pm. Those planning to attend are asked to inform the Vice Provost's Secretary, King's College, Cambridge, CB2 IST. Tea will be served in the Main Hall after the service.

Аррошинені

Today's events Commander Colin James Ballour The Queen's Life Guard mounts at Horse Guards at 11.00. to be Vice Lord-Lieutenant of

Today's birthdays

Mr P.E.R. Bailey, former director, Gatwick and Stansted Airports, 71; Mr Paul Bailey, novelist, 59; Mr lain Banks, author, 42: Mr James Beaton, GC 53: Professor Robin Clark, FRS, chemist, 61; Mr Arthur Crook, former Editor, The Times Literary Supplement, 84: Mr F.G.R. Carning, painter, 66: Sir Anthony Dowell, ballet dancer, director, Royal Ballet, 53; Mr David Emms, former director, London Goodenough Trust for Overseas Graduates, 71: Professor J.R. Farndon, consultant surgeon, 50: Mr David Griffiths, portrait

painter, 57; Mr Peter Hain, MP, 46; Professor Jack Levy, mechani-cal engineer. 70: Mr John McEnroe, tennis player, 37; Sir Maitland Mackie, former Lord Lieutenant of Aberdeenshire, 54; Sir Michael Milro-Watson former. Sir Michael Milne-Watson, former chairman, BUPA, 86; Mr J.D. Moore, Headmaster, St Dunstan's College, 53: Mr Peter Porter, poet, 67: Mr John Schlesinger, film director, 70: Sir James Swaffield, former director-general and Clerk to the GLC. 72: Dr J. Tobin, anaesthetist, 82: Sir Peter Wehster former High Court Judge, 72.

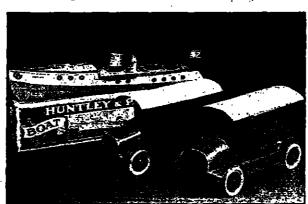


An "Arcadia" biscuit tin from Huntley and Palmers which is expected to sell at auction for £200-£300

Tins that take the biscuit

MORE than 300 Huntley and Palmers biscuit tins, dating from 1868 to 1940, are to be auctioned at Christie's South Kensington on May 17. The collection, put together over 20 years, is expected to sell for more than £50,000, with individual tins making £2,000 or more. The biscuit firm's first printed tin appeared in 1868 when the company became biscuit suppliers to Queen Victoria. It was followed over the years by decorative tins for Christ-

mas, sporting tins showing golf, polo, rowing and hunt-ing, tins shaped like boats, tins with windmills and clocks, and tins that doubled as toys. Others featured children, flowers, birds, landscapes and even fire brigades. Famous people were shown, including members of the Royal Family, while other tins marked coronations and jubilees. A highlight of the collection are two model delivery vans, one actually loaded with tiny biscuit tins.



A mixed assortment — including a boat tin from 1920 with an estimated value of more than £2.000

Buckingham Palace luncheon

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh yesterday held a lun-cheon party at Buckingham Pal-

cheon party at Buckingham Pal-ace. The guests were:

MIS Heather Du Quesnay (Director of Education, Heritordshire County Council), Miss Particla Rouledge (actress), Mr Lew Adams (general sec-retary, Associated Society of Locomo-tive Engineers and Firemen — ASLEF), Mr Fred Broughton (chairman, Police Pederation of England and Wales), Professor Sir Renneth Calman (chief medical officer, Department of

Luncheons

HM Government The Hon Nicholas Soames, Minister of State for the Armed Forces. and Field Marshal Sir Peter Inge, Chief of the Defence Staff, were the hosts yesterday at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Govern-ment at Admiralty House in honour of General Jean Boyle, Chief of Defence Staff, Canada. Canada-UK Chamber of Commerce

Mr Ronald D. Southern was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon of the Canada-United Kingdom Chamber of Commerce held yesterday at Painter-Stainers' Hall. Mr Mike Chapman, vicepresident, was in the chair. The Canadian High Commissioner and the Agent General for British Columbia were present.

DEATHS

Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators

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ston, G S; Haley, S D; Hallgate-Hills, E A; Halsey, M J B; Hammond, A Y H; Hamon, J S; Hannon, A. F. H.; Hannon, J. S.; Hanna, B. A.; Hardman, A. L.; Haynes, L. Hazelden, K.; Hickey, C.; Hickey, L. J.; Hodgson, N. R.; Holderoft, L. N.; Holdip, M. P.; Hope, T.; Howell, C. A.; Hoy, D. T.; Hulme, S. M.; Hyde, L. C. N.; Irwin, M. P.; Ismail, F. A.; Iyamabo, F.; Iguran, T.; Immar, C. A.; Iyamabo, F.; Jagram, T: James, CA: Jarrett, M F; Jarvis, K W; Jeng, M R; Jolly, K L; Jones, I D; Jones, K L; Jones, R E: Jones, S: Juleff-Tranter, L: Kaushal, R K; Keaney, S; Kilgal-len, S P; King, J; Kularathne, K S R; Kuti, O O; Lacey, M R; Lakidi, M A; Lawrie, E J; Lawson, N J; Lewis, B: Lewis, I R: Lewis, J M; Lewis, K J; Ling, E L K; Liyanaarachchi, C L K; Lloyd, A N; Login, B; Lyon, S R; MacAshun, R; MacQueen, A L; Maguire, A E O; Mahadoo, B; Maher, M A; Ma-kuch, J A S; Mallon, P; Marntora, K: Marsh. M; Marsh, W Marson, A J.: Massey, K J.; McMorrow, C A.; McCall, M A.; McEvoy, C B.; McFerran, E L.; McGonigle, B J.; McGuire, J D D.; McGonigle, B J; McGuire, J D D; McKenna, M; Mendis, D; Met-calle, H E; Meyrick, H I; Mhaka, I; Miller, M M; Miller, T A; Morley, A S; Mudalige, S C; Mugenyi, J V T; Mugenyi, Y; Murray, H; Muti-bwa, A M; Mwakamui, M; Myer-son, J; Ndoro, M T; Neehaul, I K;

Neiligan, T M; Ng'Ambi, T A; Nicol, E; Noronha, A J; Norris, T M; Nsiah-Boateng, J; O'Dono-ghue, P J; O'Donovan, M T; O'Sullivan, N M; Okuroumnu, Y; Oldroyd, J P; Olimnah, M I; Onpeanusi, J J. Oree, M L A. Os-borne, G A. Ottey, J. Oxley, D R. Parmayah, S L. Parkes, K E E. Peel, G R. Perera, M. A. Perry, F K. Quartey, R.M.; Ralston, P.O.; Ramsamy, T; Ramsay, M; Ranasinghe, C P; Randall, D C; Randle, A O; Rees, A J.; Renault, C F; Reviakin, S; Rice, D M J; Richmond-Smith, C S; Riddle, J; Robertson, L J; Rothwell, N; Roussety, M N Y; Ruddick, H J; Salisbury, L Y C; Samah, E M; Saunders, M; Scandrett, A L; Searle, T R; Seaver, P J; Seddon, A H: Seneviratne-Studds; S.M.K. Shareef, F. Sherwood, K.E. Shirley, J. M. Smerdon, T.L. Smyth, V.J. Stanislaus, T.C. Steers, M. Stewart, L. P. Stone, R. M. Stonelske, S. C. Sudarshan, S. Syvret, R. A.; Tashobya, S.; Taylor, A.; Taylor, Y. F.; Teoh. Koon Poh; Thomas, M.; Thornton, A. R.; Toach, A. R.; Toudic, M. J.; Turner, S. W V; Utuka, E A; Wardley, P M; Warfield, M T; Whiffen, R; White, J J; Wijeyeratne de Silva, S V P; Williams, A W; Williams, M J; Williams, R R; Wilson, J M; Wilson, W J; Wong Lai Han, S; Worthing-ton, P F; Wyn, M; Young, I.

Service dinner

Corps of Royal Engineers. General Sir John Stibbon, Chief Royal Engineer, presided at a Corps guest night dinner held last night at the Royal Engineers' Headquarters, Chatham. The Bishop of Rochester, the Honorary Colonel of 71 (Scottish) Engineer nt (Volunteers), the Master of the Masons' Company, the Inspector General Training and the Engineer-in-Chief of the Polish Army were among the guests.

Dinners

British Academy of Forensic Lord Williams of Mostyn, QC, and Miss Ann Curnow, QC, were the speakers at a Friends' dinner of the British Academy of Furensic Sciences held last might at the Law Society. Judge Ann Goddard, QC, oresided. Association of Cons

Engineers Mr John Bowcock, Chairman of

the Association of Consulting En-gineers, presided at the annual dinner held last night at the London Hilton on Park Lane. Mr John Armitt, Chief Executive of Union Railways, and Mr Chris-topher Martin-Jenkins also spoke. City and Guilds College

Sir William Barlow, President of the Royal Academy of Engineer-ing, was the guest of benour and speaker at the annual dinner of the City and Guilds College Association held last night at Carpenters'
Hall, Professor Bruce Sayers presided. Dr Alan Rudge, Chairman
of the Engineering and Physical
Sciences Research Council, also

Royal Astronomical Society

The Royal Astronomical Society has made the following awards: Gold Medais: Dr vera C Rubin of the Carnegie Institution, Washington: Professor Kenneth M. Creer of the University of Edinburgh. The Eddington Medai: Professor Alan H. Guilt of the Massachusens Institute of Technology.

Middle Temple

The following have been elected Masters of the Bench: Miss Anna Worrall, QC, Mr John Slater, QC, Mr Stephen Lloyd and Miss Belinda Bucknall, QC.

University news

Lord Slynn of Hadley has been appointed Visitor of the university in succession to Lord Templeman.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.S. Beale and Miss C.R. Asquith The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr A.

Beale, of Poole, Dorset, and of Mrs L.S. Abbott. of Charlton Marshall, Dorset, and Charlotte, daughter of Mr J.S. Asquith, of Kyre, Tenbury Wells, Worcestershire, and Mrs J.G. Lawrence, of Tenbury Wells, Worcestershite.

Mr P.N. Bradhern and Miss D.S. Morland the engagement is authorized between Peter, younger son of Mr and Mrs J. Bradburn, of Reading, and Sally, elder daughter of the late Mr E. Morland, and of Mrs J.E. Morland, of Macelesfield.

Major A.T. Cayley and Miss A.M. Matacic The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs Granville Cayley, of Sompting West Sussex, and Andrea daughter of Mr and Mrs Milnovil Matacic, of Haverford

Mr T.J. Hamilton-Miller and Miss N.J. Petre

The engagement is announced between Timothy James, only son of Professor and Mrs J. Hamilton-Miller, of Twickenham, and Nathalie Jean, only daughter of Mr and Mrs M.B. Petre, of West Mr A. Linforth

and Miss K. Baily The engagement is announced between Adrian, eldest son of Mr and Mrs R. Linforth, of Boughton, Kent, and Katherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs P.O. Baily, of Iden.

Mr J.M. Ormerod and Mrs P.H.E. Gross The engagement is announced between John Ormerod and Pa-Helena Gross. Mr M.L. Porter and Miss C.M. Ethana

The engagement is announced between Michael lan Porter, of Moscow, son of the late Les William F. Porter and of Mrs Eileen Porter, of Bexhill-on-Sea, and Clare Madeline, only daugh-ter of Mr and Mrs John G. Elitaan, of Cheltenham. Mr PJ.H. Ralls and Miss T.A. Clark

The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mrs Sybil White, of Hanaper House. The Mount, Yarmouth, Isle of Wight, and the late Mr LJ.D. Ralls, and Tonia, daughter of Mr and Mrs G.E. Clark, of Clareville, Sydney, Mr N.A. Sus

and Miss M.L. Gordon The engagement is announced between Neal, son of Mr and Mrs Leslie Sossman, and Meg, daugn-ter of Mr and Mrs Alan Francis Gordon.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Philipp Melanchthon, ten by Nicholas Vanacker, 1659. The Athenaeum was founded, 1497; Giambattista Bodoni, type 1824. Heinrich Barth, North African explorer, Hamburg, 1821; Sir Francis Galson, anthropologist and geneticist, Birmingham, 1822; Ernst Haeckel, biologist, Potsdam, 1834; Henry Brook Adams, historian, Boston, Massachusetts, 1838; George Macaulay Trevelyan, historian, Welcombe, Warwick-shire, 1876; Robert Flaherty, film director, Michigan, 1884.

DEATHS: Richard Mead, physician, London, 1754; Lionel Lukin, life boat pioneer, Hythe, Kent, 1834; Elisha Kane, physician and arctic emplorer, Havana, 1857; Henry Walter Bates, naturalist and South American emplorer, Control of the anti South American explorer, London, 1892; Giosue Carducci, poet, Nobel taureate 1906, Bo-logna, 1907; Lestie Hore-Belisha, 1st Baron Hore-Belisha, statesman and inventor of "belisha beacons". Rheims, 1957. The first British cheque was writ-

Cuba, 1959. The American nuclear submarine USS Triton set off on an under water round-the-world voyage. 1960.

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Diplomatic Service Mr Robert Dewar to be Ambassador to Madagascar, from mid-

April, in succession to Mr Peter Mr William Fullerton to be Ambassador (non-resident) to Mauritania, from early April, in

who will be retiring from the Diplomatic Service. Mr Peter Smith to be High. Commissioner to Lesotho, from early April, in succession to Mr Roy Cowling who will be moving to a new Diplomanc Service

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PERSONAL COLUMN

Truly I had you: if you have faith no bigger than a mus-tard seed, you will say to this mornatus. Move from here to there and R will move:

BIRTHS BATES - On February 14th, to Susan (née Thrush) and Tony, a daughter. Charlotte Elizabeth. a sister for

Rebects.

BONEY - On 14th February 1996. Stephen and Julie were blessed by the birth of our son Nicholes Stephen, at St. Paul's Hospital. Cheitenham. 25". Sibs foz. "Yours is the earth and everything that's in it, and which is more - you'll be a man, my son".

CLARKSON - On 26th January, to Penelope (nie Taylor) and Roderick, a son. Jonah Drammond, a brother for Bamuol, Conrad and

MAMMOND - On 28th January, to Sarah (née Elitott) and Ian. 2 son, Thomas George, a brother

for Emma.

KOHG - On February 12th
1996 at Reyal Surrey
County Hospital. to Nicola
(the Riley) and David. a son.
Oliver Sanford. PROWSE - On February 8th 1996, to Maryciars (née Cutcliffe) and Johon, a son, James Edward, a brother for

James Edward, a brother for Tom and Georgina. REMDELL - On February 9th 1996, to Jayne (née Hamilton) and Michael, a son, James Richard Boyd. ROWE - Judy, See Watte. STANLEY - On 31st Jemes; to Farmy and Shaum, 4 sor to Farmy and Shaum Theo Peter. 2 brot leaking and isabelle. URQUHART - On February 9th, to Juliet (née Ladds) and Marco, a son, Angus William

WAITE - On 13th January, to Judy and Bill, a daughter. Socha Opbella Rose.

DEATHS

Tuesday 13th February.
Funeral Service 9.30 am
Thursday 22nd February at
Holy Angels, Ash, near
Ablershot, Hamb. Flowers to
E. Finch & Soo, Aldershot,
Hants, or donations to St
Bartholomew's Special
Trusters.

RROUGH - John O.H., CE

BURROUGH - John O.H., Ch. CHE on Thursday, 15th February. Much loved husband of Suzame. Lowing father, grandfather and brother. Private cremation. Memorial service to be advised. No flowers. Donations, if desired, lo Moore Cottage Hospital. Bourton-on-the-Water. Gloucestarbire.

DEATHS

Bourton-on-the-Water.
Gloucostantire.

GANEY - Suddenly on February 11th 1996 in Pennsylvania. USA. Peter Richard aged 49 years. A much loved and sorely missed husband of Jenny and father of Charles and Alison. A great friend to so many people. Funeral Service planned for Thursday February 22nd 1996 in St Mithael and All Angels Parish Church. Sumninghill at 16.30 am. Family Sowers only please. For any enquiries please contact Lines. Hammight & Co. Ltd. F/D. Ascot (01344)

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CLAYTON - Gwendolen
Mary, agod 91, peacefully in
her sleep on Thursday 15th
Pebruary. The funeral
service to take place at St.
Bridget's Church, West Kirby

Bridger's Church, West Kirby
on Wednesday 21st
February at 1.15 pm
followed by Committal at
Landican Crematorium at
2mm. Enquiries c/o Quinns,
West Kirby . (0151) 625
8274.
COOK - On 13th February
aged 88 Shella. wislow of
800 and much loved mother
of Patrick and Stuart,
peacefully at Surrey Hills
peacefully at Surrey Hills beacefully at Surrey Hills Nursing Home, Wormley, Surrey.

Surry.

COUNTENAY - Pencebniy on February 14th after a short illness Margaret. Private fundy funeral. Donations if desired to The Actor's Benevolent Fund c/o Bradley & Jones, 7 Love Lane. Pinner, Middx. HAS SEE. A Memorial Service to be held at a later diste. COXON - Dr. Mary Wypne heloved Mother of Sally. Sandy and Clare, died auddenly on Wednesday Pehruary 14th. at the John Raddiffe Houghtal. Onford to Salmylay February 17th at 10 am followed by crometion at Oxford Crematorium. Family Howers only. denaitions for Taylor House. Cheshre House for Disabled Students may be sent to Reeves & Pafn. 285. Abington Boad. Oxford OX1. COUNTENAY - Pencehally on

DEATHS

ELLEN - Peacefully at home on 14th February 1996. Jame Elizabeth, much loved wife of Frank, dear mother of Chris and Shebagh, towing granny of Rebecca and Rachel. Funeral Service in Buchlyte Parish Church on Monday 19th February at 2pm, thereafter to Cydebank Crematorium. North Dalmottar, to which all friends are respectfully invited. Fundly Howers only please. Donations in Hea of Howest, if desired, to R.N.L.

FITZGERALD - Charles Patrick on 8th February 1996 died peacefully at Devonaire, Exter. after a brave fight spainst many dishbility, aged 79, Leaves family and many friends who will miss a truly bonourable and generalshuman beho. Cerbandon at human being. Cre human being. Grenation at Exeter Crematorium on Tuesday 20th Fabruary at 4pm. Friends who wish to attend welcome. Flowers it desired or domainess to the Parkinsons Disease Association. Enquiries to Mitchell Funeral Directors. King William Street, Exeter.

GODDARD - Suddenly but peacefully in North Devon District Hospital, Barristaple.

peacetains in North Devoit District Hospital, Barrampie, on 10th February. Geoffrey Freeman K.G.S.G. aged 88. Much loved grandfather and gener of Anthony. Theresa. Catherine. Dizzy and Margaret. Now re-united with his beloved wife Elizabeth, and soon to be granted Ebernal Rest. Small lamity funeral at All Saints. Romain Catholic Church. Hersham, on 20th February. No flowers please, but donations if dealerd to wimbledon Chebira Homes. Wimbledon Chemire Homes.
GREEN - Proceeding at home on 18th February. James Roger of Listlebrook. Lyonshall, Hereford. Most dearly loved Husband of Ann. Cremation private. A Memorial Service to be amounted inter. If desired donations for Lyonshall Church may be sent to Hawelett.
Hereford.

HARRICY - L.H.A. Odark) on February 14th Aged 87. before dushand of Tory, son of Gement and Amabel, at their new house Mill House Nursiag Home. Great Ryburgh, NR21 OED. Greatstian private. Themissiving Service to be apposited.

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HEBELTINE - On 14th February, 1996. at Southampton General Hospital, William Wanney, aged 78 years. Dearly loved by all his family. Private cremation. A Service of Thankspiving will be held at St. Lukes Church. Sway, on Friday, 23rd February at 12 noon. Pamily flowers only please, donations if desired to R.N.L.I. c/o Diamond & Son Funeral Directors. Lymington. 101890) 672060.

HURST - Robert Jack exMiddlesex C.C. 1954-51 on
10th Februsery, dearly loved
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hy his son and daughter
Mark and Karen. Pameral to
be held at St Mary's Church.
Cid Town. Essionmes, on
Thursday Z2nd Februsery at
1.15 Pm. No (lowers.
Donations to Cancer
Research c/o Adelar FS. 45
South Street. Eastbourne.
East Sussex EN21 4UT.

LOWELL - Caroline Maureen, peacefully in New York. February 14th 1996, much loved and greatly missed by her mother. Maureen Dufferin and her three adoring children. Evgenia, lygna and Sheridan.

MARBY - Mr Robert Manby died pescerbily in hospital on 12th February 1996. Much loved father of Curistine, Melder and Quinten and devoted parimer of Ms Colette Dumez. Provers to John Nodes Pumeral Service. 28 Station Terrace. Kessal Ribs. NW 10 5RP. before Wednesday 21st Pebruary.

MARSHALL - On Valentine's Day, suddenly but peacefully, in her 61st year, Mary, Lady Marshall of Leots, eliest child of the hete Robert and Edith Burr of Shadwell House, Leeds, devoted wife of the late Frank. Lord Marshall of Leeds, beloved mother of Angela and Virginia and loving sramy to Apathelis, Goodis, Robert, Marinez and Pality, Funeral, and Thankogiving Service on Wednesday 21st February at Holy Truthy, Hottley, York at 11.30 am followed by private crahation, Family flowers only.

MARSHALL - Norman
Bertram (Freddy) FRS.,
Emeritus Professor of
Zoology in the University of
London. Died peacefully
February 13th 1996, beloved
husband of Oiga, greatly
loved father and
grandfather. Funeral 2 pm
Thursday 22nd February,
All Saints Church, Great
Chesterford, Fassity flowers
only. Donations if desired to
Schools Outreach c/o
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McMANUS - Victor.

Journalist. at home, 10th
February. Feast of our Lady
of Lourdes. Husband of
Camberine, father of Detrice.

Sobbian, Adrian and Julian.

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Church. Wimbledon.

Monday 19th February,
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Enquirier: (C181) 845-2366.

MORRELL - Doubles autdenty Committee (Ulai) 040-2200. MCGREEL 1. Doughes studdenly on 6th February in Portugal, Busband of ha, father of Colts, Marion, Reymond and Cive. Cremation took piace in Portugal on 14th February.

February.

MURPHY - Streem Lester
Louise. much loved wife,
mother and grandmother,
who died peacefully on
February 13th 1996.
Funeral Service at the
Church of St Mary and St.
Cament. Caveting, on 20th
February at 12 noon. Family
flowers only. Donations. if
destred. to St Clare Housice
or Imperial Cancer Resettich
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Street, Saffron Walden, Esser,
PUTT - On 15th February 1995, peacefully in hospital. Alim ajed 55 years, Minch loved husband of Marty and Arites of Simon and Arites, He will be truly missed and remembered with love, Funeral Service on 22nd February 1996. All enquiries to 247, Matter & Sun, left (01706) 220550.

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Evans) on 13th February
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Patravick Wisdow of John
Donald Rose FRS, dear
mother of Valerie and
Anthony Funeral Service at
Chellenham Crematorium at
12.30 pm on Wednesday
February 21.31.1996. Pamily
flowers to Philip Ford & Son.
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desired in The Royal desired to The Royal National Lifebook Posterior

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ROWE - Myrtie Shella, of Westerham FM, Kenl. God on February 13th. Beloved wife of the late Peter. devoted mother of Bringet and her bushed Jm, much loved grandina of Peter. Reception of coffin into St Mark's Church, on Sunday. 18th February at 7.15pm with Service. Private cremation followed by Service of Thankspiring for cretation followed by Service of Thunkapping for Myrtle's life at St Mark's Caurch. Biggis Hill on biooday. 19th Februsry at 2pm and afterwards at the church hall. Colourful the preferred. Family flowers only please but domaines if desired to St Mark's Church. the N.S.P.C.C. or Imperial Camer Research.

SABIN - Howard Westcott (Barrister) aged 79 years. much loved husband of Janet dearly loved father of Clare, Philip and Jeremy and granditativer of Janes, Sam and Hugo and great-granditativer of Ben. A private cremotion has taken place. A Service of Thanksgiving with he beld at St Columba's Christe, Pont Street. London SW1 on Friday 25rd February 1996 at 12 nom. Donallons if desired to a charity of your own choice.

SEDGWICK - On February
11th. died peacefully at
hothe in Cornwall. Beth
Mannering axed 80. Widow
of Pat. much loved mother of
Kale, grandmother. Sisterand aumt. The Funeral and
Thanksgiving Service at
Carist Church, Kündowa, nr.
Goudhard, Kent on Triedday
20th February 22 pm. All
welcome. Family (lovers
only, donations if desired to
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C/o E.R. Hickmoth & Son. 41
Grove Hill Road, Tunkridge
Welts, (01892) 522462.

SEYMOUR-PRICE - On Petrusy 13th George Pulls (Pips). Air Commodore (Petr). A beloved Hustand. Father and Grandfather. Father and Grandfather. Funeral at the Church of St. Paul. Heunheides. on Wednesday February 21st at 2 pm. Family flowers unly. Dougtons if deated in his memory to the RAF Benevolent Fund. 67 Portund Place. London WIN 4AR.

DEATHS SMART - "Ted" Edward George Smart passed peacefully away, after a short Hisses on 23rd January 1996 aged 83. Beloved hushand of Doris and much loved father of John. Catherine, Anils, Avril and Andrew.

THOMAS - David Monre, on 15th February at Wattington, aged 80 years. Much loved husband, lather and grandps, Funeral at Contem Church on Twesday 20th February, at 2.50 pm. No mourning. Family flowers only.

TRIPP - "Coo" George died pencefully on 14th February in Exeter, Funeral Service at the URC, Southern Hay, Exeter, 2.15 pm on Wednesday 21st February, No flowers, but any donations blease to Tear

TVNDALL - On February
14th. with great courage.
Moo, aged 65, widow of
Michael, loving mother of
Christopher and Sarab,
stepmether of Mark and
Kate, and much loved
grandmother of Edward.
Henry, William and Claudia.
Funeral at Chelsea Old
Church on Wednesday, 21st
February & 11 am. Private
cremation.

Williams - Alice Esther (née Wilkins) passed pencefully away on Tuesday February 13th, 1966, aged 84 years, Funeral Service at Lodge Hill Crematorium, Birmingham, on Friday February 23rd, at 3 pm. Donations it destred to the Alabeknens Disanse Society, Sullhull Branch, Melvern, Park Lodge, 22 Park Road, Scientil B91, 381.

Windfield Didly - Lyda, Aged 80. Peacefully at Eastbury House, Sharborne on 15th February. Private funeral at 3 pm on Wednesday, 21st February at Yeovil Cremsonium. No flowers. Douations if desired to Glaucoma Association of Kings Medical Research Trust c/e W.S. Brister. & Son. 100 Limitary Road. Sherborne: Donet.

DEATHS WOODHEAD - On February
15th in hospital. David
Fiamilton MBBS. FRCS.
beloved husband of Patricis
and a much loved father and
grandfather. Funeral Service
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Thursday February 22nd at
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John James, CBE, businessman and philanthropist, died on January 31 aged 89. He was born on July 25, 1906.

IOHN JAMES was a self-made millionaire who built from scratch two mighly profitable businesses. His firstwas the Broadmead chain of radio and television shops, new outlets of which sprang up across the country during the postwar boom in the rental business. Then, having sold Broadmead in 1959, James started all over again with the John James Group of Companies, with interests in the building, manufacturing and investment industries.

James came to prosperity relatively. tate in life, not starting his first business until he was 40. Once he had made money he enjoyed spending it. and there were winter homes in: Jamaica and Palm Beach, as well as a Spanish-style house at Ascot, set in 45 acres on the edge of Windsor Great Park Plunging himself, as he did in his mid-fifties, into an entirely unfamiliar area of business was typical of James. He relied on no man's judgment but his own and, where some tycoons surrounded themselves with a protective layer of lawyers and secretaries. lames preferred to do his own sums.

John James came from a close but poverty-stricken family, the son of a taner-turned-docker in Bristol, who was frequently unemployed. James discovered early on that he would have to find his own money for whatever he wanted in life, and he did odd jobs as a how to buy such necessities as footballboots. He was educated at Merchant Venturers School, getting there by winning a scholarship.

Lying about his age, he joined the Royal Air Force after school in order to learn about wireless, which fascinated him. In the mid-1930s he left the RAF to become a sales assistant in a radio shop in Bristol, before being called up on the outbreak of war, and serving as a radio operator. His prospects on being demobbed, with a wife and four

children to support, were not good. He had, however, been saving hard since he was a boy, and he used the money to open his own radio shop. He had on his side a boom in the radio trade, coupled with a sound knowledge of radio technology. He did his homework thoroughly, obtaining every available balance sheet of firms dealing in radio, and reducing their confusing columns of figures to simplearithmetic. Then he toured the country,

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Hamid Aba al-Nasr,

Supreme Guide of the

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studying the art of window-dressing. siting, stock and selling methods. He discovered that there was a better chance of selling a radio or television set in a constituency which returned a Labour MP rather than a Conservative, and that there were fashions in radios: what suited a worker in the Midlands would not go down well in London. James also realised that many people who wanted a radio already had a broken set at home. He offered them the chance to rent a radio set, if they would give him their old broken one, which he then repaired.

Within a year, James had a dozen shops in the Bristol area and, having bought the Broadmead Wireless Comparry for a few thousand pounds. Broadmead became the name of his reports from his branches, and this allowed him to spot frends in different and television retail chain. Two things

Although sometimes criti-

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prophet Muhammad and, at

the age of just 20, he pledged

his allegiance to the Brother-

hood. From then on he worked

for the organisation in various

capacities, eventually being

appointed a member of its

founding body. In 1954 the Brotherhood was

banned by the recently-elected President Nasser after an

assassination attempt had

been made on him in Alexan-

dria. In a move to suppress the

Brotherhood, Abu al-Nasr

was arrested and imprisoned.

He spent the next 19 years in

parts of the country and to switch stocks over the weekend in order to meet demand. In 1949 he drew up a ten-year business plan, at the end of which period he aimed to have one thousand Broadmead shops.

In fact, when he sold his interests in the Broadmead chain in 1959 for £5.8 million, he owned only 300 shops, though this still made him one of the biggest radio and television retailers. Broadmead was merged with the Firth Cleveland group of engineering, manufacturing and retail companies that year, and James was given a seat on the board. He did not need to sell, but the offer was a good one and he preferred to take the capital, and to face the challenge of starting out all over

business. Every weekend he asked for ... His first instinct was to stick to what he knew, and to build another radio

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The Brotherhood under his

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dissuaded him from such a course. First, the high start-up costs of kitting out shops with the expensive new colour television and, second, the decision of the Government in 1966 to replace investment allowances, for which James's business had previously qualified, with investment grants, for which they did not.

Instead, as his interest in the radio business waned, his preoccupation with investment grew. He discovered that he was a talented operator on the stock market, with a nose for a profitable share. This was fortunate, because his early years in another side of the new John James Group of Companies - manufacturing - were not a success. Appointing Sir Edwin ("Ted") Leather, the former Conserva-tive MP, as head of the new John James (Industrial) in 1965, James had set about pumping money into small firms in the West Country, including a Worcestershire printing company, a steel office-furniture makers and builders merchants. Leather resigned two years later, after a disappointing performance from his division, which had been particularly badly hit by the slump of the winter of 1966-67.

However, James's new group of companies eventually found its feet. and came to comprise a dozen businesses, in the building, engineering, manufacturing and investment spheres. They prospered during the 970s, and James sold the group, in 1979 for £25 million.

James never really retired, and he kept a close eye on the operation of the two charitable trust funds which he had set up to provide a regular income for projects in the Bristol area. He was known locally as a generous benefactor, as capable of giving modest but appropriate sums to particular hard-luck cases which had reached his attention as he was of writing a large cheque for a school. Education was a particular enthusiasm of his and he gave money to independent schools in Bristol to provide free places for children from poor homes. He also gave large sums to hospitals - £300,000 to the Harefield in Middlesex, £l million for a scanner to the Frenchay Hospital in Bristol, £4 million to the cardiac surgery unit at Cuy's Hospital in London. He was appointed CBE in 1981.

James's first marriage to Mollie ended in divorce, and his second wife Margaret died in 1991. He is survived by two daughters, a son and another daughter having predeceased him.

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Abu al-Nasr adopted his predecessor, Anwar Sadat.

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ance, the Brotherhood won

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the 1980s when they cam-

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wing of legal opposition par-

ties. Their slogan "Islam is the

solution" stood out for its

simplicity among a riot of more colourful campaign

In 1993, however, the Broth-

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Mubarak's bid for a third

term and by 1995 Mubarak

had turned descisively against

them. This was done partly

with an eye to circumventing

political gains which the Brotherhood might make in

forthcoming elections in which candidates were to be

allowed to stand as individ-

But the Brotherhood was

also increasingly becoming an umbrella group for more mili-

tant organisations and it was

accused of terrorist links with

extremist fundamentalists.

Many Brotherhood members

were apprehended and Abu

al-Nast was faced with fierce

internal debate as youthful

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Abu al-Nasr died at a cru-

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but the attendence of tens of

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burial procession bore testi-mony to the respect in which

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THE REV DONALD HARRIS

The Rev Donald Harris, Vicar of St Paul's, Knightsbridge, 1955-78, died on January 20 aged 91. He was born on August 4, 1904.

DONALD HARRIS was a priest of considerable pastoral gifts that never perhaps found as wide a fulfilment as they should have done. Appointed to the fashionable West End living of St Paul's, Knightsbridge, when he was 51, he spent the rest of his active ministry there, retiring at the relatively late age of 73. A man of private means, he then went to live in a smart Westminster flat, where for the next 18 years he remained a generous and convivial host to his many friends. If it was not quite the culmination to an eminent career that many of them had expected - he had been Archdeacon of Bedford before moving to Knightsbridge - this was largely because he was wholly unmotivated by worldly ambition.

Donald Bertram Harris was educated at the choir school of King's College, Cambridge, and from there went to Haileybury. In 1923 he re-turned to King's as a choral scholar. Having trained at Cuddesdon, he served his title at Chesterfield Parish Church and went on to St Mary the Less, Cambridge, for his sec-ond curacy. He was appointed to the King's College living of Great Greenford in 1936.

While he was at Greenford, Sir Albert Richardson was chosen to be the architect of the new Holy Cross church, built (1939-41) next to the medieval church in order to cope with a vastly expanding population.

Harris moved to St Mary's, Bedford, in 1945 and was



appointed in addition Archdeacon of Bedford in 1946. In 1955 Bishop J. W. C. Wand of London (a fellow Anglo-Catholic who was to retire later that year) appointed him to St Paul's, Knightsbridge, where, of Harris's two immediate predecessors, one had become an archbishop in Australia and the other an English suffragan bishop and then a diocesan one. Yet, for reasons that remain obscure, Harris himself - despite his long incumbency — was not even made a prebendary of St Paul's Cathedral.

His 23-year ministry at St Paul's was essentially a pastoral one. Princess Margaret was among those who sought his counsel, and with many of the men and women who came to see him he formed lifelong friendships. He was widely used as a confessor, not least by priests. He was a wellknown conductor of Retreats and president of the Association for Promoting Retreats. 1968-71. From time to time he chaired selection conferences of ordination candidates.

He did not take kindly to some of the directions in

which the Church of England was moving during the last part of his life. He always possessed a streak of impatience, noticed particularly when he was puncturing something he took to be pomp ous or over-formal. But he would not be impatient for long. A man of good humour, he was never difficult to amuse and he brought laugh-

ter to any social occasion. Although he was mentioned in connection with one or two senior appointments, none ever materialised. This may have have been his own choice. On one occasion he was sounded out about allowing his name to go forward for a suffragan bishopric. He declined by return of post. He never allowed himself to pon-

der what might have been. Although he grew increas-ingly tired, he was active until his death. At the time of the VE-Day anniversary of last year he returned to Holy Cross, Greenford, to preach a sermon he had first delivered there 50 years before. And his last visit to St Paul's, Knightsbridge, was on the second Sunday of last October. The present vicar, the Rev Christopher Courtauld, had invited couples who had been married at St Paul's to the Choral Eucharist that day: Lord Runcie preached, and Donald Harris was able afterwards to meet many of those he had prepared for marriage.

He remained the same to the last — making new friends, treasuring old ones and never complaining about anything. He always took pleasure in the good things of life, mixing particularly lethal cocktails that often sent his luncheon guests out woozily into the afternoon. He was unmarried

KEITH BRADING

Keith Brading, CB, MBE, Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies, 1972-81, died on February 2 aged 78. He was born on August 23, 1917.

KEITH BRADING was a civil servant who developed over the years from an expert in his given subject to a great enthusiast. In a sense he was a man with two careers. From the moment his official life was over, he used the freedom given to him by his retirement to become a great protagonist of the ideas and principles of mutuality, especially as reflected within the Co-operative movement. It is doubtful if anyone in modern times has done more to try to make the ethical ideas and trading prac-tices first pioneered by Robert Owen seem relevant to the modern world.

Brading was educated at Portsmouth Grammar School and on leaving joined the Estate Duty office of the Inland Revenue. The war soon interrupted what was already a promising career. Although thwarted in his ambition to enlist in the Marines, he was eventually called up into the

Navy. There, as an RNVR lieutenant serving in the vital role of a flight direction officer, he saw service both on Atlantic convoys and in the Mediterranean - but he also took part in some cloak-and-dagger ex-ploits in Norway, where he became a liaison officer with the Norwegian Resistance. For this work he was awarded the MBE (mil).

In the Navy he also met a young Welshman, Bill Mars-Jones (later Mr Justice Mars-Jones), who encouraged him to take the Bar exams. This he did successfully and was called to the Bar by Gray's inn in 1950, the same year that he, slightly confusingly, joined the Solicitor's Office of the Inland Revenue.

He was appointed Assistant Solicitor in 1962 and, on his transfer to the Registry of Friendly Societies in 1969, became first Assistant Regis-

trar, attaining the top job as Chief Registrar and Industrial Assurance Commissioner in

In these twin latter positions Brading quickly developed a thorough understanding of building societies and co-operatives which enabled him to act as a regulator of great integrity, while at the same time relating closely to the societies within his charge. His knowledge of the law relating to Friendly Societies and Industrial and Provident Societies was second to none.

But it was not merely a question of technical expertise. His enthusiasm for the ideals of mutuality in general - and



those of building societies and co-operatives in particular meant that he remained closely connected with both sectors ollowing his retirement in

The affection and respect he had gained within the movements was marked in the early 1980s by his appointments as a vice-president of the Chartered Building Societies Insti-tute and of the Building Societies' Association and as a president of the Society for Cooperative Societies (to whose journal he was a regular and valued contributor). He assisted several housing associations, in particular the Kensington Housing Trust, of Mary.

which he was chairman from 1987 to 1992. He was Chief Registrar in

the late 1970s when the Cooperative Development Agency (CDA) was set up and he shared the disappointment of many when that body failed to realise the great hopes that had been placed in it. His dream - and brainchild remained, however, the bringing together of all the disparate co-operative organisations under one national umbrella. This he achieved by two steps. He chaired the legal working party of the CDA Inter-Sector Forum and was determined not to let slip the first chance this century for the co-operative sectors to discuss matters of common interest, most importantly their biggest common problem - the archaic state of laws

governing co-operatives. He also played a leading role in the discussions which led to the formation in 1991 of the United Kingdom Co-operative Council (UKCC), which for the first time brought the various strands of the cooperative movement in one coordinated body. As the first chairman of the UKCC, he continued to promote the interests of the co-operative movement, his important contribution being further recog-nised in 1993 when, at the conclusion of his term as chairman, he was chosen as life president. He had been appointed CB while still in official harness in 1974.

He lived long enough to see the historic moment at the **UKCC Council last November** when the co-operative sectors agreed a detailed report on desired changes in co-operative law. One thing, though, saddened him in his later years - and that was the recent change in the status of building societies and their eagerness to become high street banks. He was due to have attended a meeting on the problems occasioned by demutualisation only a week

He is survived by his wife

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12 ATOMIC POWER STATIONS TO BE BUILT 6300M. PLAN FOR NEXT 10 YEARS Plans for building 12 nuclear power stations

during the next 10 years, at a cost of about £300m., were announced by the Government yesterday. It is hoped that building of the first two stations will start in 1957, and that they will come into operation about 1961. The output of electricity from all 12 stations NATIONAL CHILDREN'S BUREAU will equal the product of between five and six million tons of coal, and the cost of production

at first will be about the same as at present. The intention is to supplement rather than to replace other forms of fuel such as coal. The White Paper points out that new technical developments may lead to more rapid progress than has been forecast in the provisional programme; on the other hand, the programme may be too optimistic because the stations may take longer to build or cost

more than has been estimated. Nevertheless, the Government consider that those risks must be accepted, because the development of nuclear power has reached a stage where it is vital that we should apply it commercially with all speed if we are to keep our position as a leading industrial nation and reap the benefits that it offers."

It was emphasized by Mr Geoffrey Lloyd,

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ON THIS DAY

February 16, 1955

In announcing plans to build 12 nuclear power stations, the Government stated that it was the intention to supplement rather than to replace other forms of fuel such as coal.

Minister of Fuel and Power, in the House of Commons yesterday, that because of the nation's rapidly growing need for power, nuclear energy will supplement and not replace other forms of fuel; that coal mining will "remain one of the major employing industries of the country".

Although the decision to go ahead with a nuclear power programme does not depend on precise comparisons of cost, the White Paper shows that the cost of nuclear power should not be greatly different from the cost of power from coal-fired electricity generating stations.

The demand for energy, particularly in the

form of electric power, and increasing difficulty in producing the necessary quantities of coal, themselves would justify a great effort to

build up a nuclear power system.

The stations will be built by private industry for the electricity authorities, who will own and operate them.

The United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority, as the only body with the necessary experience, will be responsible for giving technical advice on the nuclear plant. British industry and consulting engineers have as yet no comprehensive experience of nuclear technology. They face a major task in training staff, creating the necessary organization, and designing the stations.

The AEA, while giving as much assistance and advice to industry as possible, will remain

primarily a research and development organization and will continue to design, build and operate pioneering types of power reactor—the "atomic furnace". They will also be responsible for buying uranium, fabricating the fuel elements, processing the used fuel and extracting from it the photonium (a by-product of the fission process).

From about 1965, the White Paper suggests. it might be economically desirable to build nuclear power stations instead of coal-fired

NEWS

Major backs ministers over Scott

John Major was last night standing by ministers subjected to sweeping criticisms of deceiving Parliament and undermining democracy in the Scott report on the arms-to-Iraq affair.

The Prime Minister let it be known that he had no intention of sacking William Waldegrave in the face of a finding by Sir Richard Scott that he had deliberately kept MPs in the dark about a secret shift on policy towards Iraqi arms exports. He was reported to be equally determined to defend Sir Nicholas ... Pages 1-3, 18, 19, 30-33 Lyell, the Attorney-General ...

IRA bomb snarls up West End

■ An IRA suspect bomb brought the West End of London to a standstill hours after the Provisionals' leadership confirmed that their terrorist campaign against Britain would continue. The device, in a hold-all, was defused ...

Survivor dies

Eva Hart, one of the last survivors of the 1912 Titanic disaster, has died at 91. Other survivors paid tribute to her determination that the wreck should be respected as a marine grave......Page 4

Heart surgery first

A medical team in Bristol has become the first in the world to carry out a two-stage heart operation which could spare thousands of patients the trauma of openheart surgery..... ...Page 6

Untraditional Lords

The first register of Lords' interests shows that they are more likely to be able to run an investment bank than call a pack of hounds to heel and potter round their estatesPage 8

Magic moment

A wailing witchdoctor wearing a leopardskin brought Heathrow to a standstill. Chief Nicholas Gcaleka is here to hunt the head of an ancestorPage 10

Warming war War will break out as global warming leads rival nations to

fight for control of dwindling water supplies, a British climate scientist said Page 10 **Rocket fizzles**

China's 426-tonne Long March 3B rocket, carrying an Americanmade satellite, veered into the ground and exploded 20 seconds

Quis custodiet?

Almost the entire senior management of Morocco's customs office has been charged with fraud and smuggling after a crackdown on racketeers and qtns traffickers... ..Page 11

Yeltsin to run

President Yeltsin ended months of speculation about his political future when he announced in Yekaterinburg that he would be a candidate for re-election in June's presidential poll Pages 12, 19 EU investigation

The European Commission is hoping to decide soon about Michael Emerson, alleged to have exploited for personal gain his posting as EU Ambassador to Moscow Page 12

Bargain bonanza

The doors of more than 2,000 shops in Dubai opened for the biggest sale in the world, with compulsory price cuts of up to 70

Skids under Samper President Samper of Colombia is

one step closer to impeachment after the Attorney-General charged him with drug-related electoral fraud Page 14

Dole on the run

Five days before the New Hampshire primary, polls show Steve Forbes plummeting while Pat Buchanan and Lamar AlexanderPage 11 close on Robert Dole...... Page 14

Love that dares not speak its name

■ One of pop music's oddest ligures, the singer once known as Prince, but now only as an unitierable symbol, has married in Minneapolis. His wife is a Puerto Rican bellydancer, Myte Garcia. The exchange of vows was complicated: Miss Garcia had to point at a representation of Prince's symbol. The happy event was fully covered on the Internet



Bruce Oldfield with models at Claridge's yesterday when he presented his spring/summer 1996 conture collection

Economy: Cheaper mortgages and discounts in the sales forced inflation down to 2.9 per cent in January from 3.2 per cent in December. The fall reinforced hopes of another cutPage 23 in interest rates ...

Rentokil: Shares in BET, the business services group, soared as Rentokil announced that it was in merger talks with BET.....Page 23 Granada: The television and motorway service station group raised its stake in Yorkshire-Tyne Tees to almost 20 per cent......Page 23

Markets: The FT-SE 100 index rose 34.8 points to close at 3779.8. Sterling's trade-weighted index remained unchanged at 84.2 after a fall from \$1.5385 to \$1.5375 but a rise from DM2.2597 to

Boxing: The British board of control allowed the cruiserweight title bout between Terry Dunstan and Dennis Andries to stand even though Dunstan was over the weight limit... ... Page 44

SPORT +

Cricket: The world once deferred to England when it came to one-day cricket. Now the pioneers are at risk of a mortifyingly swift exit from the World Cup Page 44 Football: Craig Whitington, the Huddersfield Town forward, has been charged with misconduct by the FA after failing a drug test on

two separate occasions Page 44 Athletics: Diane Modahl gave the first public indication that she intends to resume her international career when she ran a road race in

☐ General: England and Wales will start cloudy. There will be some rain

and drizzle, especially in the North and over western coasts and hills.

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be showery but with some sunshine.

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clearing. Wind west, moderate becoming northwest. Max 10C (50F).

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Turning colder later, max 8C (46F).

S Wales, N Wales, NW England,

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them as they grow old

The green marchioness: Tracy

Worcester, who last weekend led a

walk along the proposed route of

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Crispin Tickell, tells Valerie Grove

how she wants to change the

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Neuberger on a survey showing

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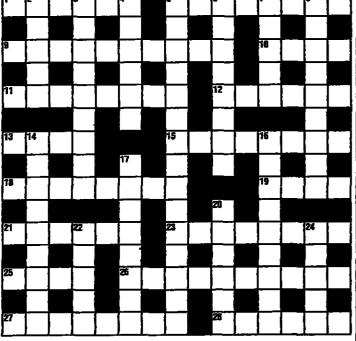
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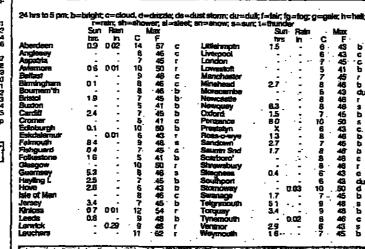
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☐ Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth: sun, showers. Wind west becoming northwest, strong to gale. Max 5C (41F).
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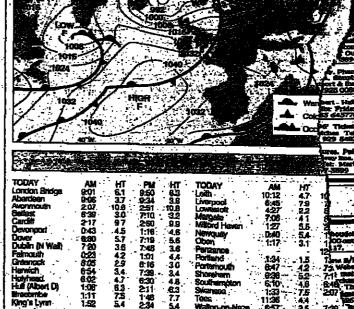
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